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One explanation of events which was being given credence on the exchange markets is that a large African nation with substantial funds in London has decided to move them out of sterling.

In that connexion, the recent diplomatic incident involving Britain's High Commissioner in Lagos was being widely mentioned.

The High Commissioner has been withdrawn at the request of the Nigerian Government on the ground of his personal unacceptability, the Foreign Office said on Wednesday.

The suggestion in City circles yesterday was that the Nigerians were withdrawing their funds as a protest after a dispute with the British Government. But instead of themselves selling their sterling funds, the Nigerians have, according to some accounts, instructed the Bank of England to make the necessary sales.

Such a train of events would go some way to explaining the rumours that the Bank of England had caused the run on the pound by selling some £80m on Thursday afternoon. There was certainly no evidence that the bank attempted to prevent the slide in the pound.

There would, of course, be no point in attempting to prop up the pound if the Bank of England was itself responsible for its fall. More subtly, a sharp drop in the pound's exchange rate would have the effect of penalizing a foreign country which withdrew its funds from London because it would lower their value.

When the sales are over the pound might be expected to make some partial recovery.

There was some surprise that a fall in the minimum lending rate had occurred in spite of the speculation that had been building up in the market. It is usual for interest rates to be raised when the pound is weak.

However, it is clear that the Treasury is giving top priority to getting interest rates lower and thereby encouraging industry to invest in new productive capacity.

The great fear in the foreign exchange markets yesterday was that the turmoil over the pound could lead to a more universal upset of the currency system. The French franc and the Italian lira were both very weak yesterday, and speculators were once again buying the traditional "refuge" currencies like the West German mark and Swiss franc

Tory criticism: Mr Norman Lamont, opposition spokesman on consumer affairs and prices, criticized the Government's handling of the fall in the value of the pound in a speech in his Kingston upon Thames constituency.

He said: "Everything the authorities are doing seems designed to weaken the pound in the most dramatic way. Today there was a mystifying cut in the minimum lending rate which can only weaken the pound further.

"Normally the bank does not comment on market operations. But the Chancellor of the Exchequer ought to make a statement about the Government's policy towards the pound."

Has the slide ended? page 14

Insults for police at Spanish funeral

From Harry Debelius
Vitoria, Spain, March 5

Probably the most massive non-violent act of defiance in 40 years of Spanish history took place in this Basque city today as thousands of people attending a funeral insulted armed police with silent gestures.

Insulting the police has been a court martial offence, even for civilians, ever since General Franco overthrew the second Spanish republic. But the people of Vitoria did not seem to care today as they mourned their dead.

Tens of thousands of mourners walked from the new cathedral after a Requiem Mass for three workers who were shot dead by police on Wednesday. They accompanied the coffins of the victims which were borne on the shoulders of their friends.

The police stayed away from the cathedral, apparently at the request of the Roman Catholic bishop, Mgr Peralta. But thousands of heavily armed police were on duty round public buildings along the route through the strike-bound city to the cemetery.

The insults to the police, who had been accused from the pulpit of "homicide", came on the way to the cemetery. The funeral cortege made a deliberate detour to pass by the headquarters of the provincial government, where grey uniformed security policemen, wearing face shields and helmets, and paramilitary civil guards stood three ranks deep, armed with submachineguns, rifles, pistols and other weapons. A helicopter flew overhead.

As the crowd passed by the police there were a few excited shouts of "Killers" and occasional rhythmic clapping to the beat of *Libertad, Libertad* ("freedom, freedom"). But for the most part the huge crowd of mourners kept silent. Some had tears in their eyes as they filed by the government headquarters.

It was there that thousands of mourners raised their hands without a word and made the two-fingered gesture which means "cuckold", the ultimate insult for any Spaniard. Other mourners made the V-sign. Police fingered their guns and held their ground, but did not shoot.

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Scotland Yard yesterday issued this photograph of the man who had his hand blown off when a bomb exploded in Kensington, London, on Monday. He had been living at an address in Clapham where a bomb factory was later found, and is believed to have been using the name Patrick Joseph Keogh. The police, who believe he has worked in the butchery trade, are anxious to establish his identity. He is 5ft 6in to 5ft 7in tall, believed to be in his twenties, with auburn hair and hazel eyes. When injured, he was wearing a dark green jacket, a blue and white shirt, brown tweed trousers, a brown sweater with white and yellow bands and dark blue tie with light blue rosettes.

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Mr Wilson seeks pact with the press on privacy guarantees

From John Chartres
Liverpool

The Prime Minister chose the Liverpool Press Club, of which he is an honorary life member and frequent social visitor, to make an important announcement last night on the Government's intention to review the law affecting the freedom of press and broadcasting organizations.

In his statement, issued as a formal speech and followed by a press conference, he said that it was hoped that a Green Paper would be published soon, probably before the end of this month, on the issues raised by the Younger committee on privacy, the Phillimore committee on contempt and the Faulks committee on defamation. The Government hoped to have urgent consultations with those most directly concerned in the media.

His statement was made during a diversion from an air and rail journey for weekend engagements to York and Scarborough. Some observers suggested last night that he had chosen to make it in Liverpool because the atmosphere among journalists in the Liverpool Press Club would be more relaxed than that in House of Commons circles at the moment.

He said that in the Government's view changes in the laws on contempt and defamation which would, in the interests of the press and public, increase the right of the press and the broadcasting authorities to comment on issues of public concern, must be balanced by voluntary measures agreed with the press to guarantee the individual citizen and his family an effective right of privacy.

"While no decisions have been taken, the Government would like to draft, in consultation with the press and broadcasting authorities, following the public debate which the Green Paper should stimulate, a code of practice or statement of policy to govern the treatment of the privacy question by all concerned. But I repeat, a voluntary code must be effective."

The present constitution and practices of the Press Council did not, in the view of the Government, seem adequate to meet the need.

In a reference that had particular significance yesterday because Mr Thorpe, the Liberal leader while touring Wirral constituency only a few miles away from here was defending himself against suggestions that he should give up his post, Mr Wilson said: "A more difficult problem relates to the private lives, real or imagined, of public figures. This problem has been highlighted by the headlines and comments which followed a recent outburst in a Devonshire court of summary jurisdiction."

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Labour policy committee wants to 'take the Crown out of politics'

By Michael Hatfield
Political Staff

Labour Party policy-makers are framing a programme that will launch a frontal assault upon the established institutions in the country, involving the monarchy, the Civil Service and the City.

Although the proposals have yet to be adopted as official Labour policy by the national executive committee, its home policy committee will have before it on Monday a discussion document prepared as an agenda on the "machinery of government".

While most Cabinet ministers will certainly take exception to the section on the monarchy, the views expressed in the document reflect an important stream of thinking within the party. Basically the argument is to "take the Crown out of politics".

The document argues that there are two residual prerogative functions of the Crown which "might be an embarrassment to the monarch and could be a source of dislocation to the democratic system". It says that the recent dismissal of the Prime Minister of Australia and the appointment of a new one by the Governor General raised a serious question whether those prerogative powers were at present appropriately placed with the Crown or its representatives.

"The Speaker might well be given the sole responsibility for deciding on a dissolution of Parliament, and for calling on the appropriate leader to form a government; in short, exercising the present powers of the Crown in these two limited respects", the document says.

It adds that there is a need to establish a better system for the determination of the expenses of the monarchy. It may be sensible, it states as an example, to establish a proper allowance, tax free, for the head of state to cover her performance of state duties; and there should be a specific "royal budget" to include such diverse items as the royal yacht, the Queen's Flight and the royal train.

But the remainder of the Queen's income and wealth, it is suggested, should then be taxed "as for other citizens", as should any other income or wealth owned by royals, such as incomes received from the Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall.

The document continues: "Payments could also be made to certain other members of the Royal Family but only as and when needed as recompense for the performance of specific state duties; any expense of the royals, it is suggested, can be covered from their own substantial resources."

With the home policy committee dominated by the left wing, the proposals are expected to receive a sympathetic reception if not instant approval. The document goes beyond the monarchy and examines the Civil Service and political advisers.

"The role of the Civil Service, their relationship to ministers, and the role of political advisers should clearly feature in Labour's programme", it says. "Rather than seek to reform the existing Civil Service system, it might be better to concentrate on the need for the Labour movement itself to have something approaching a 'civil service' of its own which would be able to work with the professional Civil Service when Labour is in office, without in any way weakening it."

The document argues that every minister should have a "cabinet" made up of his own ministers, his parliamentary private secretary, and economic, trade union and social policy advisers.

The attack on the City will take place on March 22, when the home policy committee, whose chairman is Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, is to hold a special meeting on banking and financial institutions.

In addition to Mr Benn, the other members of the home policy committee are: Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services; Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment; Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection; Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science; Mr Allaun (Salford, East); Mrs Hart (Lanark); Mr Heffer (Liverpool, Walton); Miss Lestor (Eton and Slough); Miss Maynard (Sheffield, Brightside); Mr Millards (Tower Hamlets, Bethnal Green and Bow); Mr Padley (Ogmore); Mrs Short (Wolverhampton, North East); Mr Forrester, Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers; Mr Hickling, National Union of General and Municipal Workers; Mr Stanley, Post Office Engineering Union.

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s, "a long-standing friend of Mr Thorpe and godfather to his son", had not disclosed to him "the facts set out in the statement".

Mr Holmes, who was not then identified, was interviewed by police after investigations were begun last month.

The inquiries came after reported remarks made in a television broadcast by Mr Cyril Smith, Liberal Chief Whip, that "someone" had made a suggestion, which he did not believe, that Conservative Central Office could have been behind the payment.

Last night's statement from Mr Holmes's solicitors said that at the time of the £2,500 payment to Mr Scott "very shortly before the February, 1974, election", Mr Holmes believed that the letters he was buying (which disclosed small but regular payments by Mr Bessell to Mr Scott) "could affect voting in Mr Bessell's former constituency".

That was Bodmin in Cornwall. Mr Bessell disappeared a month before the election, in January, 1974.

The issue came into prominence when Mr Scott made an outburst in a court in Barnstaple, Devon, alleging a past association with Mr Thorpe. That was denied by the Liberal leader.

It then emerged that the Liberal Party had known about Mr Scott's allegations and had held an inquiry in 1971, at which Mr Thorpe's word was accepted.

Mr Thorpe must consider giving up leadership, Mr Grimond says

By Our Political Staff

Liberals rushed in yesterday with qualified support for Mr Thorpe's continuation as party leader in the wake of the Coventry North-west by-election, where the party lost its deposit.

While Mr Thorpe stated that "as far as I am concerned I have every intention of leading the Liberal Party into the next election and doing damn well in it", there was no disguising that Liberal morale has suffered by their showing.

Mr Grimond, a former Liberal leader, said he thought Mr Thorpe must think of relinquishing the leadership in a year or two. Asked if recent controversies involving Mr Thorpe might have led to the poor poll, he replied: "Well, it certainly begins to look like it." He added: "I would have thought, not because of this recent business, that Mr Thorpe must think of stepping down in a year or two."

Mr Clement Freud, Liberal MP for the Isle of Ely, said: "He's right, one can't go on for ever. But Jeremy is the best leader we have at the moment and I am very happy with him as leader."

Mr Thorpe's view is that he has every intention of continuing as leader of the party until his parliamentary colleagues tell him that it is time for a change. For the moment that time has not arrived, but the process could be hastened if the Liberals do not improve their performance in the by-elections next week at Wirral and Carshalton.



Victor's relish: Mr Geoffrey Robinson, the successful Labour candidate at Coventry, North-west, at his hotel yesterday.

Although Labour's majority in the by-election, caused by the death of Mr Maurice Edelman, was halved, ministers were expressing satisfaction if only on the grounds that it meant the Government's overall majority of one remained intact.

The win has also come at a time when, in normal circumstances, the Government could have lost considerable support through abstentions because of high unemployment and projected cuts in public expenditure.

The Conservative Party was also expressing satisfaction, although, privately, some Conservative MPs were saying that the party ought to have done better half-way through a Parliament if it hoped to make decisive inroads into Labour-held seats at the next general election.

Leader undeterred: During a visit to Wirral constituency yesterday, Mr Thorpe appeared totally undeterred by the Coventry result and by Mr Grimond's comments on his future.

On the general suggestion that the Coventry result might lead to the end of his reign as party leader, he said: "To say that one by-election should result in a change of leadership is absolute rubbish.

"If anyone really thought that party leaders should resign every time their parties do not do particularly well at a by-election, there would be more changes every year than they have every day at Clapham Junction."

He said he would be interested to hear Mr Grimond's views personally, but until there was an opportunity for that he would not comment on them.

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Plan to reunite fragments of Greek statuary

From Our Correspondent
Athens, March 5

A move to reunite fragments of ancient works of art scattered throughout European museums is being supported in the Council of Europe by three British parliamentarians, Lord Beaumont of Whitley (Liberal), Mr John Roper (Labour) and Mr Robin Cooke (Conservative).

Often a head, a limb or a hand missing from a statue or frieze in one European museum can be traced to one in another country. In the Museum of the Acropolis in Athens, for instance, the lower half of a frieze from the Parthenon is missing. It is on display in the British Museum.

Mr Roper said: "The idea is to arrange swaps or long-term loans of these bits and pieces between museums."

Wives Bill has second reading

The Domestic Violence Bill, which would provide better legal protection for battered wives, finally achieved its second reading in the House of Commons yesterday (our Political Staff writes). After twice failing to gain a second reading, the private member's Bill went through yesterday "on the nod", without the objections which had halted it previously.

It seeks to give a battered person the right to obtain an injunction on a simple application, without divorce or separation proceedings, restraining the use of violence or excluding the attackers from the home.

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Gift from Pope

The Pope yesterday donated £500 towards the £3.5m appeal to save Canterbury Cathedral from decay. The gift was made the day after Britain's leading Roman Catholic church, Westminster Cathedral, launched its own £1m restoration appeal.

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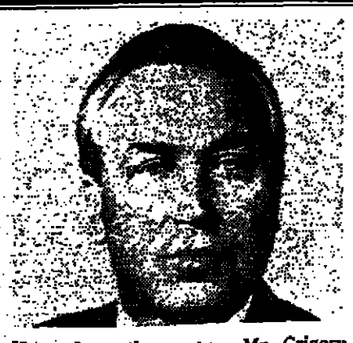
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Name from the past: Mr Grigory Romanov, the Leningrad Communist Party leader, has been appointed to the Politburo. At 53, he becomes its youngest member. His appointment was announced yesterday by Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet Communist Party leader, at the closing session of the party congress in Moscow

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Ali may fight Dunn

Arrangements are being made for Richard Dunn, the British heavyweight champion, to meet Muhammad Ali for the world title in May if he wins his European title contest

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Steel corporation to raise prices

The British Steel Corporation is to raise the prices of some products by up to 15 per cent early next month. The increases, which will hit the motor industry particularly hard, cover about two thirds of the BSC's home sales and are aimed at bringing in an extra £100m

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Mr Rees buries abortive Ulster Convention

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent

Westminster

Mr Rees, secretary of State for Northern Ireland, made clear in the Commons yesterday that he will have no dealings with members of the dissolved Ulster Convention who may attempt to parade themselves as part of the system of government of the province. In a statement on the future of Northern Ireland after the dissolution, he said that the Government did not contemplate any important new initiative for some time to come.

The Secretary of State said that it was plain that there was no prospect of agreement between the parties in Ulster on a system of government that would provide for a form of partnership and participation. An Order in Council would dissolve the Convention as from midnight last night.

To forestall any attempts by some former members of the Convention to claim a continuing status in Northern Ireland, Mr Rees declared firmly that the only government for the province from now on would be that of the Westminster Parliament. It was clearly not possible at this time to make progress towards a devolved system of government for Ulster.

"The Convention", Mr Rees said, "has never been a part of any system of government." Direct rule was already in being and proposals would be brought before the House for its renewal, although the role of the members of the Convention had ceased, they would continue to be paid until May 7. They would no longer be able to use the facilities at Stormont. Mr Rees added that the people of Northern Ireland would be able to pursue matters with ministers through their elected representatives at Westminster.

Although not unexpected, the announcement of the failure of the Convention to reach agreement was a sorrowful occasion. There were indications that Mr Paisley may have overplayed his hand in the last few weeks of its deliberations. The member for Antrim, North, was not present in the House, but Mr Rees angrily told MPs that he would no longer tolerate demands on his private office for interviews including threats to ruin his political career if they were not granted.

"As far as I am concerned, the battle of Broken Arm is Paisley's last stand", he said, referring to a recent incident in which the arm of a security guard was broken while he was trying to prevent entry by Mr Paisley and some of his followers.

But there were those who found some comfort even in the ruins of the Convention. Mr Gerard Fitt, Social Democratic and Labour Party, member for Belfast, West, felt that the effort had been worthwhile because it had identified those political parties and representatives willing to attempt to find a political solution. It had also identified the wreckers intent on ensuring that the Convention would fail and on bringing about confrontation with the Government. Mr Fitt charged Mr Paisley with being personally responsible for the downfall of the Convention.

Mr William Craig, Ulster Unionist MP for Belfast, East, felt that progress had been made, and that agreement might have been reached if a little more skill had been shown by the leadership on both sides. He urged Mr Rees to encourage the exchanges to continue because there was a possibility that one day agreement could be reached.

From the Conservative Front Bench, Mr Airey Neave, Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, said there was a danger that the dissolution of the Convention might create a political vacuum in Ulster. Violent men might begin posing as the champions of the people in local affairs if there was no local political forum in the province. Mr Neave suggested that there could be access to ministers through local advisory bodies, and that such a body could be created from the ranks of the Convention.

Mr Rees agreed that paramilitary forces might pose as defenders of their community. There were, however, already many advisory bodies in Ulster. The Government's request for advice on the constitution had not got very far. Advice, Mr Rees said, looked easy, but implementation was different.

Christopher Walker writes from Belfast: All of Ulster's main political parties are to hold meetings within the next few days to work out tactics for the bleak months of direct rule now facing them. Although they were putting brave faces on the situation yesterday, it seems inevitable that some of the province's best-known political figures will retire from public life in the near future.

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Plan for first pay bed cuts angers doctors

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

Strong opposition to the Government's plan for the elimination of the first thousand pay beds from the National Health Service developed as the detailed proposals reached area health authorities this week.

First to react were hospital consultants in Wessex, who decided to call an emergency meeting at which a motion to consider sanctions (treatment of emergency cases only) was on the agenda.

Doctors are angry that Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, has given only five weeks for consideration of her draft proposals. The Government's plans are concerned not only with phasing out pay beds, but also with facilities, such as X-rays and laboratory tests provided in NHS hospitals for private patients.

How far the Bill, expected to be published a day or two before the Easter parliamentary recess on April 16, will refer to those facilities, or to restrictive licensing of the private medical sector, is not known.

On the pay beds issue the department circular lists proposals for the elimination of 1,198 pay beds. But that is to give room for manoeuvre and the final total will be 1,000 beds in the first phase. As the Bill appears to be likely to become law by July or August, the beds will disappear by the end of this year.

The letter to area health authorities emphasizes that the initial consultations should be about the total number of beds to be withdrawn within six months of Royal Assent to the Bill.

Details of the proposals by regions are:

Northern: 169 beds reduced by 60 in nine area health authorities. Cleveland: 30 beds to 21; Cumbria, 12 to 12; Durham, 22 to 13; Northumberland, 10 to 4; Gateshead, 1 to 3; Newcastle upon Tyne, 4 to 37; north Tyneside, 6 to 2; south Tyneside, 6 to 0; Sunderland, 20 to 14.

Yorkshire, 302 beds reduced by 74 in seven area health authorities. Humberside, 31 beds to 20; North Yorkshire, 44 to 29; Bradford, 91 to 67; Calderdale, 32 to 30; Kirklees, 55 to 20; Leeds, 71 to 55; Wakefield, 10 to —.

Trent, 247 beds reduced by 63 in eight area health authorities. Derbyshire, 41 beds to 20; Leicestershire, 30 to 22; Lincolnshire, 55 to 36; Nottinghamshire, 83 to 62; Barnsley, 5 to 2; Doncaster, 1 to 0; Rotherham, no pay beds, Sheffield, 30 to 20.

East Anglia, 156 beds reduced by 34 in three area health authorities. Cambridgeshire, 56 beds to 45; Norfolk, 63 to 55; Suffolk, 37 to 32.

North-West Thames, 461 beds reduced by 108 in seven area health authorities. Bedfordshire, 26 to 22; Hertfordshire, 56 to 36; Barnet, 22 to 11; Brent-Harrow, 31 to 22; Ealing-Hammersmith-Hounslow, 63 to 40; Hillingdon, 31 to 28; Kensington & Chelsea-Westminster, 219 to 165.

North-East Thames, 410 beds reduced by 124 in six area health authorities. Essex, 88 to 67; Barking-Havering, 23 to 8; Camden-Islington, 187 to 120; City and East London, 75 to 48; Enfield-Haringey, 21 to 12; Redbridge-Waltham Forest, 25 to 16.

South-East Thames, 453 beds reduced by 143 in five area health authorities. East Sussex, 57 to 36; Kent, 115 to 64; Greenwich-Bexley, 25 to 10; Bromley, 57 to 21; Lambeth-Southwark-Lewisham, 209 to 158.

South-West Thames, 247 beds reduced by 84 in five area health authorities. Surrey, 56 to 48; West Sussex, 43 to 33; Croydon, 13 to 6; Kingston-Richmond, 17 to 6; Merton-Sutton-Wandsworth, 79 to 49.

Wessex, 191 beds reduced by 51 in four area health authorities. Dorset, 48 to 38; Hampshire, 70 to 54; Wiltshire, 61 to 40; Isle of Wight, 12 to 8.

Oxford, 215 beds reduced by 54 in four area health authorities. Berkshire, 60 to 50; Buckinghamshire, 31 to 40; Northamptonshire, 34 to 25; Oxfordshire, 67 to 46.

South-Western, 198 beds reduced by 61 in five area health authorities. Avon, 25 to 16; Cornwall and Isles of Scilly, 25 to 20; Devon, 70 to 44; Gloucestershire, 43 to 33; Somerset, 33 to 22.

West Midlands, 384 beds reduced by 133 in 11 area health authorities. Hereford and Worcester, 47 to 37; Salop, 35 to 19; Staffordshire, 65 to 56; Warwickshire, 28 to 21; Birmingham, 139 to 86; Coventry, 20 to 19; Dudley, 14 to 8; Sandwell, 6 to 3; Solihull, 6 to 5; Walsall, 13 to 12; Wolverhampton, 21 to 23.

Mersey, 164 beds reduced by 47 in five area health authorities. Cheshire, 70 to 63; Liverpool, 30 to 22; St Helens with Knowsley, 12 to 9; Sefton, 17 to 9; Wirral, 35 to 24.

North-Western, 336 beds reduced by 97 in 11 area health authorities. Lancashire, 92 to 69; Bolton, 21 to 16; Bury, 14 to 12; Manchester, 138 to 105; Oldham, 9 to 8; Rochdale, 11 to 9; Salford, 13 to 8; Stockport, 7 to 4; Tameside, 4 to 3; Trafford, none; Wigan, 18 to 15.

RAF to get new t of multi-role airc

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

The Government has authorized full development of an interceptor version of the Anglo-German-Italian Multi-Role Combat Aircraft (MRCA). The decision, announced by Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Defence, yesterday, ends two years of speculation.

Present plans are to build 165 of the new version to replace Phantoms in the RAF in the 1980s. Their role will be to defend the air space above Britain and above RAF Germany.

The news will delight British industry, particularly British Aircraft Corporation, Britain's representative in the three-nation MRCA consortium. But it will not please everyone, least of all perhaps those MPs in the defence and external affairs subcommittee of the House of Commons Expenditure Committee, who only last week urged the Government to take a second look at all the options.

Mr Mason made it clear, however, that a stringent review of the country's air defence requirements had already been made. The review had confirmed that the so-called air defence variant (ADV) of the MRCA still offered the best solution.

The news will also delight Britain's partners. West Germany and Italy, who have been watching with concern the doubts which seem to have been growing around the ADV during two years of rising costs and falling defence budgets.

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Britain and Eire in harmony on Ulster

By Our Political Staff

The British and Irish Governments agree that the only acceptable form of government for Northern Ireland is some form of power-sharing. That was reiterated yesterday after Mr Wilson and Mr Cosgrave, Prime Minister of the Irish Republic, together with other ministers, had talks in London at which they reviewed the arrangements for cooperation over security and expressed satisfaction at the excellent results that had been achieved.

A Downing Street statement said Mr Wilson and Mr Cosgrave reaffirmed their identity of interest, with that of the people of Northern Ireland, in ending violence and restoring peace and stability.

"They agreed", it said, "that an acceptable form of government there could be established only through both sections of the community agreeing on a system of government providing for partnership and participation." Pending such agreement, a period of direct rule and constitutional stability was necessary.

They were at one in thinking that a solution to the difficulties of Northern Ireland could be found only through elected representatives and political parties, and not through negotiations with paramilitary organizations.

Mr Wilson and Mr Cosgrave also discussed direct elections to the European Assembly and EEC Commission proposals for a common fisheries policy.

Mr Airey Neave, MP for Abingdon and opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, described the statement on the immediate future of Ulster by Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, as "both depressing and unconstructive". Although direct rule was the only option at present, the Government was taking a risk in dissolving the Convention without making provision for any public forum for local discussion.

Arguments over Bill of Rights are examined by commission

By Marcel Berlins
Legal Correspondent

A Bill of Rights for the United Kingdom, or possibly for Northern Ireland alone, is among the options raised in a discussion paper issued yesterday by the Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights.

The commission, with Lord Feather as chairman, was set up to study ways of protecting human rights in Northern Ireland. Its discussion paper represents the first intervention in the Bill of Rights controversy by an official body.

Designed to stimulate public debate, the commission's paper makes no specific proposals. It summarizes the pros and cons of introducing a Bill of Rights into the United Kingdom, and the arguments for and against a limited Northern Ireland Bill of Rights.

In favour of a limited Bill, the discussion paper lists the argument that Northern Ireland has special difficulties which call for special solutions, and that in the past, human rights legislation has been dealt with separately in Northern Ireland and the rest of the United Kingdom.

Another argument for a Bill limited to Ulster, it is suggested, is that while there appears to be widespread support for such a Bill in Northern Ireland, there is less support in the rest of the United Kingdom. To await the introduction of a United Kingdom Bill would involve unnecessary delay for Northern Ireland.

The discussion paper lists a number of arguments against a limited Bill. It would be impracticable to introduce a Bill only in the area in which fundamental rights and freedoms have been under the greatest strain and where it might prove impossible to obtain sufficient agreement on the Bill's content and enforcement machinery.

The majority of political opinion in Ulster favours a United Kingdom measure based on the European Convention on Human Rights, the commission points out. It is extremely unusual to introduce constitutional guarantees of fundamental rights in only one part of a country's territory.

Another argument is that a measure for the whole of the United Kingdom would emphasize the common character of the rights of all its citizens, whereas an exclusively Northern Ireland Bill would lack the moral and legal force of a wider measure, and might not be compatible with international obligations applicable to EEC member-states and members of the Council of Europe.

Bill of Rights : a discussion paper (Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights, 55 Royal Avenue, Belfast, obtainable free).

Surrey will impose highest rate increase

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

Surrey County Council has achieved the unwanted distinction of putting up its rate demand higher than any other non-metropolitan county council.

A league table of the 47 councils in England and Wales published in the *Local Government Chronicle* shows Surrey at the top with an increase of a fifth, followed closely by Hertfordshire, with Derbyshire in third place.

Overall, the counties show an average increase of 10.1 per cent, and one, Leicestershire, has achieved a small reduction.

The non-metropolitan counties, which provide education and social services, account for the greater part of the rate demands which will be sent to ratepayers at the beginning of April, but district council rates and water rates need to be added in calculating exact increases—or, for a fortunate few, reductions.

The latest figures from the Association of District Councils, based on about a third of the 333 councils, show that the average rate rise (including the county precept) is likely to be about 15 per cent in the non-metropolitan areas.

The following table gives the new county council rates, together with percentage increases in brackets.

Surrey, 58.77p (20.3); Hertfordshire, 58.5p (19.1); Derbyshire, 58p (18); Clwyd, 64p (17); Essex, 51p (16); Oxfordshire, 57p (16); Gwent, 64p (16); East Sussex, 55.5p (16); North Yorkshire, 52p (15); Hampshire, 49.5p (13.8); Cumbria, 50p (13.6); South Glamorgan, 59p (13.6); West Sussex, 51p (13); Kent, 56.09p (13.5); Norfolk, 56.3p (11.5); Gloucestershire, 57p (11.2); West Glamorgan, 69.5 (10.3); Bedfordshire, 68p (10); Hereford and Worcestershire, 58p (10); Lancashire, 54p (10); Devon, 52p (9.9); Warwickshire, 54.7p (9.8); Berkshire, 51p (9.5).

Dorset, 58p (9.4); Somerset, 54p (9); Cleveland, 61p (8.9); Cheshire, 65p (8.6); Wiltshire, 52p (8.5); Suffolk, 52.5p (8.5); Cambridgeshire, 55p (8.2); Humberside, 55p (8.2); Northumberland, 56.59p (8); Mid Glamorgan, 68.5p (7.8); Northamptonshire, 56p (7); Buckinghamshire, 56p (6); Durham, 58p (3.9); Lincolnshire, 53p (3.6); Gwynedd, 63p (3.3); Salop, 59p (3.2); Isle of Wight, 53p (2.8); Powys, 52.6 (1.7); Leicestershire, 49p (-3.9).

Train bomb 'may not have been intended to kill'

By Neville Hodgkinson

The police believe that the 10lb bomb planted on a train that brought commuters into London on Thursday may have been a show of terrorist strength, rather than a deliberate attempt at mass slaughter.

They are considering seriously the theory that the explosion was timed to take place after passengers had left the train, perhaps as a gesture of defiance and intimidation after the discovery of a bomb factory in Clapham, south London last Tuesday.

The bomb could have been planted after the train, the 7.49 am from Sevenoaks, Kent, had arrived at Cannon Street station. It stood empty there for about five minutes, with an electronic indicator over the platform gate marking it as being destined for sidings.

Commander Roy Habershon, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad, said it was a real possibility that the bomber planned the explosion for when the train was empty, although it was also possible that the bomb had gone off later than planned.

He said two small bombs that exploded in central London on Thursday night had no apparent target. "One can only conclude that they are being put down with a view to causing the maximum amount of alarm among the general public", he said.

Forty policemen, including 24 members of Scotland Yard's special patrol group, joined regular passengers on the 7.49 am out of Sevenoaks yesterday. They interviewed as many as they could of those who had travelled on the same train the day before. Nearly a hundred others questioned passengers at stations along the line.

About 800 people who had been on the bombed train were seen.

Remand for two men on Wilson papers charges

Two men were remanded on bail at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday in connexion with the theft of tapes, photographs and documents belonging to the Prime Minister.

Maurice Donald Henn, aged 44, a businessman, of Southgate Road, Tenterden, Kent, was remanded on bail totalling £2,000 until April 21 charged with burglary at Buckingham Palace Road, Victoria, and stealing tapes, photographs and documents belonging to Mr Wilson between March 5, 1974, and October 7, 1974. He is alternatively charged with handling the stolen material.

Khalail Wafai, aged 30, a stationery salesman, of Ravenswood Park, Northwood, Middlesex, was accused of dishonestly receiving Mr Wilson's stolen goods on or before December 17 last year. He was remanded to the same date on bail totalling £5,100.

£8m hoverport at Dover will cut journey time

The Government has approved plans for a new £8m hovercraft terminal at the western end of Dover harbour.

Its decision, announced yesterday, a mere three months after the planning application was submitted, indicates that it sees little chance of reviving the Channel Tunnel project.

The new terminal is expected to be in operation next year. Its use will cut more than an hour off the journey between London and Paris and roughly quadruple the capacity of the Dover-Boulogne-Calais service.

School barricade

Forty schoolchildren barricaded themselves in a common room at Gedling Comprehensive School, Nottingham, yesterday claiming that some teachers showed no interest in them.

Conservative wins

Mr Andrew Elliott, a Conservative, of New College, has been elected president of the Oxford University Students' Union.

Intrepid agent

Ian Fleming called him one of the great secret agents of the last war. But even now few people know that Sir William Stephenson, now aged 80 and living in Bermuda, bore the code-name Intrepid, as Director of British Security Coordination in the Western Hemisphere. *The Sunday Times* tomorrow publishes an extract from *A Man Called Intrepid*, by William Stevenson, to be published shortly by Macmillan.

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Court refuses to intervene over Sunday papers

Newspaper wholesalers operating outside the inner London area whose supplies are being affected by industrial action, failed in the High Court yesterday to obtain an order ensuring delivery of national Sunday newspapers by 4.30 am *tomorrow*.

Mr Justice Templeman made no order on an application by six London provincial wholesalers for a temporary injunction against six Fleet Street publishers. He said it would be wrong to grant an injunction which the publishers, although willing, could not carry out because of industrial action by distribution employees against the wholesalers.

It would do more harm than good for the court to enter an industrial dispute in which negotiations were going on between the newspaper managements and the union involved, the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades (Sogat).

The judge said that last Saturday he was persuaded to grant a temporary injunction against the publishers similar to the one now sought. The publishers did all they could to carry it out. But there was no injunction against their Sogat employees, who were not party to the proceedings, and the Sunday papers did not reach the wholesalers in time.

Earlier, the judge gave Mr Richard Yorke, QC, for the wholesalers, leave to amend his writ and statement of claim.

Government wants agreement with press

The following is the text of the speech on press freedom and individual privacy given by the Prime Minister last night at Liverpool Press Club:

The Government have been giving urgent consideration to possible changes in the law so far as it restricts the freedom of the press and broadcasting. We have linked this work with our strong desire to work out proposals which will ensure an effective right of privacy *for the individual family and* for the citizen. In 1972 the Younger committee reported on privacy, and in the course of the last year or so the reports of the Phillimore committee on contempt and of the Faulks committee on defamation were received and published. The Government hope soon to publish, for public discussion, a Green Paper on the issues raised by those reports, and also to have urgent consultation with those most directly concerned in the media.

In the case of contempt, there had been widespread dissatisfaction, and some criticism of the law as it stood in terms of the House of Lords decision on *The Sunday Times* case. I had, myself, as Leader of the Opposition, raised the parliamentary aspects of both thalidomide and the National Industrial Relations Court, and the practice of the House of Commons was changed.

To accept or vary the proposals recommended in the Phillimore report on contempt would involve legislation. With regard to the recommendations in the Faulks report on defamation, reforms here, too, would require legislation.

The privacy of the individual is not only a matter which concerns the press and broadcasting. The Government have of course taken action on some of the recommendations in the report of the Younger committee. In the Consumer Credit Act, 1974, we provided for people to have access to information about them held by credit reference agencies and for these agencies to be supervised by the Consumer Credit Commissioner. In addition, the computers and privacy White Paper, published in December, 1975, announced our intention to set up a data protection committee which will prepare the way for permanent statutory machinery to oversee the use of computers in both the public and private sectors and to ensure that they are operated with proper regard for privacy with the necessary safeguards for the personal information which they contain.

It is perhaps not widely known that Articles 8 and 13 of the European Convention on Human Rights include a provision about privacy. Britain was one of the original signatories of the Convention and ratified it as long ago as 1951. All 18 member countries of the Council of Europe are now contracting states.

Contracting states or aggrieved petitioners have the right to complain against the contracting state to the European Commission on Human Rights, thence to the Council of Ministers and indeed the European Court of Human Rights in respect of a violation of the Convention. In many respects Britain's laws and practices conform with the Convention, but there are some who hold that we do not go all the way.

In the Government's view changes in the laws on contempt and defamation which would, in *the interests of the press and* the public, increase the right of the press and the broadcasting authorities to comment on issues of public concern, must be balanced by voluntary measures, agreed with the press, to guarantee the individual citizen and his family an effective right of privacy.

For what is or should be meant by the right of privacy is extremely difficult to define, and particularly to define it in legal terms. No less than five Bills or draft Bills attempted to do this in the years between 1961 and 1970. Nevertheless, other countries have embodied such a right in their statute law. For example, the German Federal Republic, France, the United States, and, in Canada, British Columbia.

A friend of mine with great knowledge of the press, but not a lawyer, thought that the shortest and most satisfactory definition would be a clause which said: "Newspapers will accord to the general public the same rights of privacy they accord to their own proprietors, or even the proprietors of other newspapers." This, however, might be thought to be an unwarrantable intrusion into the freedom of the press. But clearly we would need an effective means of ending those practices, easy to recognize, difficult to define, which are offensive to a citizen's privacy and not an issue of public concern.

I am advised that it would be difficult to deal with privacy under the criminal law, and in any case I would gravely doubt whether that would be appropriate. There would be difficulty, too, in producing legal provisions constituting an invasion of privacy as a tort. Nevertheless, the Government are considering this aspect of the matter and are seeking the best legal advice available on it.

While no decisions have been taken, the Government would like to draft, in consultation with the press and broadcasting authorities, following the public debate which the Green Paper should stimulate, a code of practice or statement of policy to govern the treatment of the privacy question by all concerned. That is the way we should proceed. But I repeat a voluntary code must be effective.

For what it comes down to is the question of enforcement of the code of conduct or whatever instrument we are able to agree on.

The present constitution and practices of the Press Council do not, in the view of the Government, seem adequate to meet the need. While a voluntary embargo by the press on intrusions into privacy may cover 90 per cent of the cases which at present give offence, there must be an effective sanction imposed by the press which would make any would-be code-breaker think seriously before doing so. If only one or two newspapers break the code they put heavy pressure upon the others to do so.

We have to rely on adequate self-regulation by the press and other media, with appropriate machinery to enforce any rulings or judgments given on particular complaints. In this context, I am told that leading members of the press community, and indeed the Press Council itself, have given a great deal of urgent thought in recent weeks to finding such a means of improving their procedures and making decisions stick. I am informed, indeed, that they have moved a very long way towards working something out.

We are still, however, left with the problem of defining invasions of privacy. Matters like intrusion in the private grief, for example, of a bereaved family, may perhaps be relatively easy to define and I believe there will be a general willingness to comply with the definition.

A more difficult problem relates to the private lives, real or imagined, of public figures. This problem has been highlighted by the headlines and comments which followed a recent outburst in a Devonshire court of summary jurisdiction.

Again, there is also much public criticism of some of the so-called revelations in the gossip columns of certain, though by no means all, newspapers. It might be impossible to stamp out entirely the payment of money to get spicy information from waiters, cloakroom attendants, taxi drivers and others, and self control must therefore be in the hands of those who produce the papers or broadcasts, with the ultimate power of machinery to which I have referred on an all-industry basis.

But let me add that in my view protection should not be forthcoming for public persons in cases where their public actions could endanger security in any way, or any protection which might be instrumental in hushing up bribery or corruption at local or national level, whether involving officials or elected persons.

There is another question, which in the Government's view must be regarded as a separate one, and not part of any understanding with the media. This is changes in the law and/or practices relating to the Official Secrets Acts. Any decision the Government takes in this respect will be based on our commitment to open government having regard to our paramount duty to ensure the security of the realm.

Miners support calling off of overtime ban

By Our Labour Editor

The miners have voted to accept their leaders' abandonment of industrial action called in protest against the forthcoming closure of a Derbyshire colliery.

In the Yorkshire coalfields, early returns in the secret pithead ballot indicate that the area has registered a 53 per cent majority in favour of the union leadership's recommendation to call off the overtime ban imposed last month.

That result points to an overall majority of not less than 70 per cent in support of the decision by the executive committee.

Dockyards pledge

Mr Frank Judd, Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the Royal Navy, said last night that none of Britain's four dockyards would close. He told dockyard workers in his constituency, Portsmouth, North, that the yards are indispensable to the Navy.

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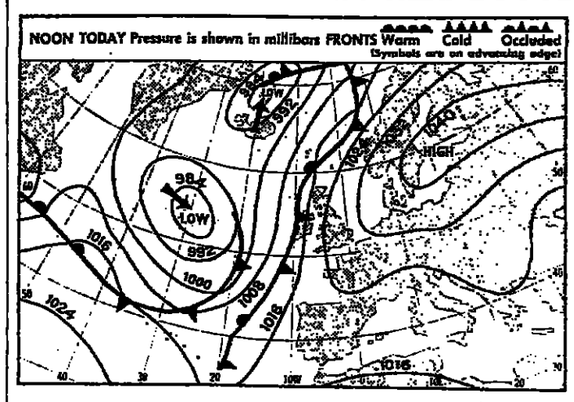
In a report on March 1 about a private meeting of Warley, East, Labour Party, it was wrongly stated that Mr Stuart Holland was a political aide (employed as a civil servant) to Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy. Mr Holland was special adviser on economics to Mrs Hart, when she was Minister for Overseas Development, but he resigned last May. He denies putting forward views "to the left of the *Tribune* group".

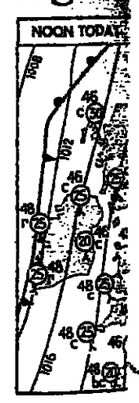
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Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises : 6.35 am — Sun sets : 5.50 pm
Moon rises : 8.27 am — Moon sets : 11.54 pm
First quarter : March 9
Lighting up : 6.20 pm to 6.3 am
High water : London Bridge, 4.41 am, 6.9m (22.8ft); 5.3 pm, 6.9m (22.6ft). Avonmouth, 9.56 am, 12.3m (40.3ft); 10.1 pm, 11.9m (39.2ft). Dover, 1.39 am, 6.4m (20.9ft); 1.56 pm, 6.1m (20.0ft). Hull, 8.59 am, 6.6m (21.8ft); 9.7 pm, 6.7m (22.0ft). Liverpool, 1.50 am, 8.4m (27.7ft); 2.4 pm, 8.5m (27.8ft).

Tomorrow

Sun rises : 6.33 am — Sun sets : 5.52 pm
Moon rises : 9.0 am — Moon sets : 12.52 am Tomorrow
First quarter : March 9
Lighting up : 6.22 pm to 6.0 am
High water : London Bridge, 5.16 am, 6.7m (22.0ft); 5.38 pm, 6.6m (21.6ft). Avonmouth, 10.18 am, 11.6m (37.9ft); 10.26 pm, 11.2m (36.7ft). Dover, 2.9 am, 6.1m (20.0ft); 2.30 pm, 5.8m (19.0ft). Hull, 9.30 am, 6.4m (20.9ft); 9.44 pm, 6.3m (20.8ft). Liverpool, 2.20 am, 8.1m (26.7ft); 2.40 pm, 8.1m (26.5ft).

An anticyclone will persist over Scandinavia while a trough of low pressure approaches NW districts of the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight

London, central S, central N England, Midlands: Early frost, dry, long sunny spells; wind SE, fresh: max temp 8°C (46°F).

SE, E, NE England, East Anglia: Early frost inland, dry, sunny spells, perhaps more cloudy near coast; wind SE, fresh or strong; max temp 6°C (43°F) but 4°C (39°F) near coasts.

Channel Islands: Dry and sunny; wind SE, moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F).

SW, NW England, Wales: Dry, long sunny spells after early frost and fog patches; wind SE, light or moderate; max temp 8°C to 10°C (46°F to 50°F).

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Barbados	c	27	81	Dublin	s	10	50	Madrid	s	6	43
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More puzzling than Mr Polyansky's exclusion from the Politburo was the promotion to *full membership* of a candidate member, Mr Dmitry Ustinov, aged 68. He has served several times as minister in charge of the armaments industry and holds the rank of colonel-general. His elevation to full Politburo membership beside Marshal Andrei Grechko, the Defence Minister, gives the military leaders two seats.

The promotion of another candidate, Mr Grigory Romanov, the Leningrad party leader, to full membership was quite expected and entirely deserved. At 53 he becomes the youngest member.

Another surprise was the naming of Mr Geidar Aliev, the Azerbaijan party secretary, as *a candidate member of the* Politburo. It is a party tradition to include at least one Transcaucasian in the Politburo, either as member or candidate. But in the past this has generally been a Georgian.

It was thought that the honour this time would go to Mr Eduard Chevernadze, the Georgian party secretary, who has done much to reduce rampant corruption in Georgia.

Two additions were made to the Central Committee secretariat, Mr Mikhail Zemianin, chief editor of *Pravda*, and Mr Konstatin Chernlenko. Mr Zemianin is expected to take *over Central Committee* relations with the press and other media while resigning from *Pravda*. *Mr Chernlenko is head* of the Central Committee's general department, an administrative job which he will retain. He has long been a close aide and confidant of Mr Brezhnev, whom he accompanied to Helsinki last August.

In brief

Cruise missile's first flight

Washington, March 5.—America's Cruise missile, the centre of controversy in the stalled strategic arms limitation talks (Salt) with the Soviet Union, made its first successful test flight today.

The missile, launched from a B52 bomber at 10,000 ft, flew for 11 minutes over the New Mexico desert, the United States Air Force announced.

Sweeter than wine

New York, March 5.—Mrs Gladys Homere, who was *attacked by a mental patient in* an underground station here in 1972, has been awarded *damages of $40,000 (£20,000)* because of injuries to her mouth which prevented her *being able to kiss* her husband normally.

Lorry driver charged

Prague, March 5.—A British lorry driver, Mr Cyril Clarke, of Ramsey, Cambridgeshire, who was involved in a road accident in which four people died in a car on Tuesday, has been charged and is awaiting trial.

San Francisco blasts

San Francisco, March 5.—Two separate terrorist bombings caused heavy damage to a housing authority building in San Francisco and a laboratory in Palo Alto at the south end of the bay, but no injuries were reported.

The sixth victim

Turku, Finland, March 5.—A man aged 54 died in hospital *here to become the sixth victim* of food poisoning contracted on the Spanish charter flight between Finland and the Canary Islands two weeks ago.

PARLIAMENT, March 5, 1976

New initiative on Ulster ruled out for some time to come

House of Commons

The dissolving of the Ulster Convention from midnight tonight was announced by Mr Merlyn Rees, *Secretary of State* for Northern Ireland.

He said that in view of the *clear indication from* the Convention that there was no prospect of agreement between the parties *there on a system of* government within Northern Ireland which provided for a form of partnership and participation, he had advised her Majesty to dissolve the Convention. An Order in Council had been dissolving it and he had so informed the Chairman, Sir Robert Lowry, to whom he paid warm tribute for his wholly independent and impartial work.

He believed the House would share the Government's deep regret that the opportunity provided by the Convention had been lost and that its members had not succeeded in their task of devising a workable system of government for Northern Ireland.

Mr Rees continued.—There is no instant solution to the problems of Northern Ireland. It would be a grave mistake to pretend that there was one, let alone to rush forward with some new devices.

It is clearly not possible at this time to make progress towards a devolved system of government for Northern Ireland. This still remains the Government's aim, but we do not contemplate any major new initiative for some time to come, though we shall always be ready to entertain constructive and responsible ideas from those in *Northern Ireland prepared to work* together for Northern Ireland.

There is no question of a ban on legitimate political activities. The immediate need is for a period of constitutional stability so that we can tackle the problems of criminality and unemployment.

Direct rule is already in being under the terms of the Northern Ireland Act 1974 and it will continue. *I shall bring before the* House in due course proposals for its renewal, including any changes that may be desirable.

My firm intention is that direct rule will be positive and not negative. The Government will continue to discharge fully their responsibility for all aspects of the affairs of Northern Ireland and will *provide a firm, fair and* resolute government.

The security forces will continue to do all that is necessary to deal with the security problems and to restore law and order. They will have the full support of the Government in bringing to justice before the courts criminals from all parts of the community.

The Government were doing and would continue to do everything possible within the resources available to mitigate the economic problems and to promote employment. It was not going to be easy in spite of public expenditure in Northern Ireland exceeding £1,300m in the current year.

The ending of the Convention, set up by this Parliament, means that the role of its members has ceased. Convention members will continue to be paid until May 7.

I intend to follow Westminster procedures as closely as possible. As with dissolution at Westminster, dissolution of the Convention will mean that Convention members cease to have any role as such. They will cease to *have the use of any of the facilities* at Stormont, but they will, of course, be able to clear up their papers and belongings.

The people of Northern Ireland will continue, like citizens in any other part of the United Kingdom, to be able *to pursue matters with* ministers through their elected representatives at Westminster. I and the other ministers in the *Northern Ireland Office* will always be ready to listen to their representations on behalf of their constituents. They will be the normal channel of communication with ministers.

The Government will carry out *their responsibilities to the full* and fulfil their obligations to all the citizens of the United Kingdom of which Northern Ireland is a part.

Mr Airey Neave, chief Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland (Abingdon, C)—We share the Government's profound regret that the Convention could not agree and sympathize with him in having to make this depressing statement. There is danger that in exercising the only *option open to him by dissolving* the Convention he is creating a political vacuum in Ulster.

Many think that by not having any local political forum in Ulster, violent men will pose as the champions of the people in local affairs.

Will he ensure that access is open to ministers through local advisory bodies of some kind? Is there any reason why such a body should not be created from the ranks of the Convention?

Mr Rees—There is a danger that paramilitary forces will pose as the defenders of their community. There are many advisory bodies in Ulster. I am happy for that to continue. Our asking for advice on the constitution did not get very far.

On important economic and security issues, the decisions can be taken only by one man responsible in this House. Advice looks easy: implementation is different. *I shall be ready to meet* anyone with constructive advice.

But we cannot have demands to my private office, often put badly, to see me and that, without it, as someone said, my political career will be ruined if they do not get *through the door*.

People come 30 at a time. The "Battle of Broken Arm" is "Paisley's Last Stand". We are not having that sort of thing in Northern Ireland. We must break away from this constant nonsense. *of demanding meetings with* ministers, with the television cameras outside the door ready to play it up.

Mr James Molyneaux (South Antrim, UUUC)—More than ever the Ulster people will look to Westminster for the same protection and security which other United Kingdom people get.

Mr Rees—Yes. Ulster is our responsibility, in the Commons.

Mr Gerald Fitt (Belfast, West, SDLP)—The vast majority in Ulster will sympathize with Mr Rees's frustration at this failure of the Convention. But it was worthwhile.

It identified those political parties and representatives willing to give their all in an attempt to *find a political solution. It identified* the wreckers intent on ensuring that the Convention would fail bringing about a confrontation with this Government.

The man personally responsible for the downfall of this Convention was none other than the Rev Ian Paisley (North Antrim, UUUC). He, allied with others, *did everything* possible to cause the Convention's defeat.

Will Mr Rees be ready to meet other representatives in Ulster? Would they include members of the defunct Convention and others so that representations can be made?

Mr Rees.—I regard the Convention as important in the continuing story of Northern Ireland. It is easy to break up a political institution like Stormont, but much *more difficult to re-erect* it, irrespective of the merits.

I do not wish to comment on who was to blame in Northern Ireland. Everyone there seems to have a view on it. On this occasion I accept it.

One does meet people to talk. But my view and that of the Government is that there is no nice, simple answer. It is a long, involved problem, 50 years a-brewing and 800 years behind that. Let us take our time.

Mr William Craig (Belfast, East, Ulster Unionist).—The extent of the agreement that was reached could have led to complete agreement if there had been a little more skill in the leadership on both sides. Even though there are *no institutions in existence, can he* encourage exchanges to continue? There is a possibility that agreement can be arrived at one day.

Mr Rees.—Anything the Government can do in the months and years ahead will be done. Let us get *away from the idea that* a new initiative every week or so is the way to solve the problems of Northern Ireland. That is not the way.

Mr Eric Ogden (Liverpool, West Derby, Lab)—Would he deny as strongly as *possible the suggestion* from the Opposition that there is a political vacuum in Northern Ireland? The government or Northern Ireland will be continued, as in any other part of the United Kingdom, for the foreseeable future.

Mr Rees—It is easy to coin words for this. There were people arguing about a year ago that there was a political vacuum before the Convention. What they *mean, I think, is that Northern* Ireland has been used to its own representative institutions. In that sense—that there is not one there that the people in Northern Ireland are used to—I accept the use of the word vacuum.

Always on top of that is the responsibility of this House. The vacuum is there because of the *divided community, completely* divided in a cultural-cum-religious sort of way.

When we have institutions there, there seems to be a sort of vacuum as well. The fact that there is a great deal of noise generated does not mean that a political vacuum is being filled.

Mr Anthony Grant (Harrow, *Central, C*)—Does Mr Rees consider that yesterday's bomb outrages in London on trains and elsewhere indicate a new form of tactic by the terrorists? Were they intended to coincide with his statement today?

No matter what happens in Ulster, the London commuter, though anxious, is determined to go about his business as normal *regardless of bullying and* fanatics.

Mr Rees—It is rather as in Northern Ireland. the bomb and the bullet do not change people's minds, they reinforce opinions already there. I do not think I should offer an opinion as it is a matter for the Home Secretary.

I have found in Northern Ireland that it is always wrong to *jump to conclusions as to who* perpetrated something of this nature. I say that without having looked into the facts of the bombings yesterday.

Regional interests of England will be met by NEB

Mr John Horam (Gateshead, West, Lab) moved the second reading of the English Development Agencies Bill, to establish the North of England, Merseyside *and South West of England* Development Agencies.

He said that the Government has set up the Scottish and Welsh Development Agencies and proposed to turn the Northern Ireland Finance Corporation into a *development agency. It was only fair* that such facilities should also be available to the English.

There must be a thorough review of regional policy by the Government and development agencies could be one of the most useful weapons in the sort of conclusion the Government came to after such a review.

Regional policy has lessened the problem of deployment (he said) but it has not altered the basic nature of the areas. To do this we must look afresh at our whole approach and try a more fundamental and less crude approach.

He was proposing £100m for the north of England development agency, £50m for Merseyside and £10m for the South West. The differences reflected the population differences. Those figures *were spread over five or six* years.

Sir William Elliott (Newcastle upon Tyne, North, C) said any concentration of decision making in the hands of a Government agency could lead to inefficiency. *What was wanted was not more* agencies, but a return to industrial confidence.

Mr Arthur Bottomley (Teesside, Middlesbrough, Lab) said they should ensure that the North East ceased to be a poor relation and *that the people of the area were* able to enjoy the same conditions and opportunities as those who lived in the more favoured areas of Britain. The Bill would help make that possible.

Mr Alfred Bates (Bebington and *Ellesmere Port, Lab) said that the* country needed a strong and vigorous National Enterprise Board, and also the type of agencies outlined in the Bill, working within the regions to ensure that they created self-generating industry.

Mr Mychael Grylls (North-West *Surrey, C), for the Opposition,* said that the Bill was an excuse for another Government body to interfere in industry and the regions with no good purpose. It was a reflex action to the general economic failing illustrated by rising *unemployment in the regions.*

Local power of decision already existed in the industrial development advisory board. Yet the 1972 Act, under which they were established, was often thrown in the Tories' face. This structure had *been developed by Labour* and it would be useless and damaging to establish yet another bureaucracy on top or underneath it.

Mr Gregor Mackenzie, Minister of State for Industry (Rutherglen, Lab), said the interests of England *would be fully met by the* National Enterprise Board. The fact that it would have a role nationally, acting as a state holding company in assisted areas. The Government spent about £500m a year in regional assistance, about half of which went to the North East, Merseyside and South West.

Without *regional policy*, unemployment in the assisted areas would be higher still. It was estimated that regional policy created about 30,000 net new jobs a year in those assisted areas.

The Bill was not the right vehicle for the *aspirations* expressed by MPs. The Government would not be able to help with a money resolution.

The Bill was read a second time.

The Domestic Violence Bill, to give greater legal protection to battered wives, *was read a second* time.

The Solicitors (Scotland) Bill, dealing with the powers of the Law Society of Scotland to intervene in the professional practice and conduct of solicitors, which has passed *the House of Lords*, was read a second time.

House adjourned, 4.5 pm.

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Ransom demand for Briton

Zamboanga City, The Philippines, March 5.—In a letter from captivity, Miss Eunice Diment, a kidnapped British missionary, said that her Muslim captors were demanding 200,000 pesos (£13,300) ransom for the release of her and a Filipino companion, military sources said today.

In a letter dated March 2 and addressed to the British Embassy and missionaries of the Summer Institute of Linguistics, Miss Diment said: "I have been informed that if the demand will not be met or if the military intervene, I will be brought to Zamboanga Del Sur, and Solaiman Barhama will be killed."

Miss Diment was staying in Mr Barhama's house in Basilan island, 20 miles south of here, when she was kidnapped last Saturday.

In her letter she said her captors had set a deadline for today, but added that the date was "subject to extension". Military sources said the letter was received yesterday by courier.

Miss Diment, aged 36, who comes from Poole, Dorset, is believed to be held by Muslim dissidents near Tuburan on the eastern side of Basilan island.

She said she was being well treated, but was bored with nothing to do and asked for newspapers.—AP.

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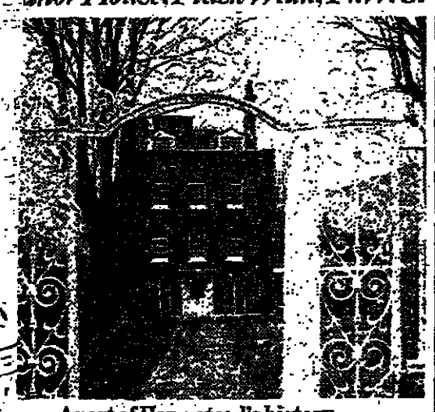
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And Notice is further given that the said PETITION is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Brightman in the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London on Monday the 15th day of March 1976.

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R. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU,
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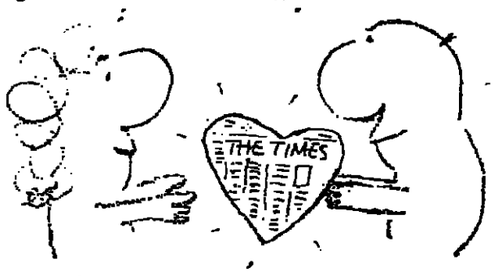
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THE TIMES

Rugby Union

A great day in prospect for Edwards and Wales

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

This afternoon in Cardiff that great scrum half, Gareth Edwards, surpassing Ken Jones's record of 44 caps for his country, surely will be asked to lead out the Welsh XV as they search for a victory over France that would land them the grand slam. It would also, against the only other undefeated side among the five nations, retain them the championship. If Wales should lose, France would then need a draw against England in Paris, a fortnight hence, to win them their first outright title in eight seasons.

In achieving the triple crown Wales in an irresistible sequence have beaten England 21—9, Scotland 28—6 and Ireland 34—9. Add the result of the Australia international and their total of points rises to 111. In four internationals they have scored 14 tries against one. And such is the potential of this team, such, above all, their composure, team spirit and self-confidence, that their more optimistic supporters believe they will put at least another 25 points on France today.

Things would be seen in a different light if the match were being played in Paris, but the weather is marvellously fair, and the Dragons' roar will be urging on their heroes to the final accolade. All this assumes that Wales, dispelling the heady wine of that triple crown, are wholly tuned and committed for the last effort. It has not always been thus in similar circumstances.

This French side which could be at the same stage of development as Wales were last season before they caught fire against Ireland, threatens to be a really formidable one and Wales, not always convincing starters, might be in some trouble if they allow their opponents to fly out of the blocks.

There is considerably more to the French pack than two dynamic flankers, Rives and Skrela, who happen to have captured the spotlight. Their front row, with Cholley an outstandingly large and powerful loose head, should give the Pontypool trio plenty to think about. At the core they have two big locks in Palmie and Imbernon, and a giant of a man at No 8 in Bastiat, who may be regarded by Mervyn Davies at the lineout as an opponent worthy of his steel.



John Dawes watches his players carry out exercises as they prepare for the game

By moving their big jumpers around, France might well establish an edge in the lineout, and overall their forwards are better ball players than those of Wales. Moreover, there has been clear evidence this season of France recapturing the old elan and close support play.

Le Petit Caporal at scrum half, Jacques Fouroux, patently is a far better player than he was first rated to be on this side of the water. Wales think he could be vulnerable to pressure, but, if his forwards gave him the right platform, his long pass, though ballooned and inelegant, should give Romeu ample room in the anticipated tight and critical opening phase to dictate where the game should be played.

Edwards, seeking to do the same for Wales, will hope that his forwards do not expose him to the pressure, from set pieces, that was his early lot in Dublin. The Welsh pack also must beware of giving away penalties as they did against Ireland, but they will not, as John Dawes supposed, be outweighed in the tight. The Welsh coach must have had difficulty in translating kilos into pounds.

Dawes, concentrating on the forwards at Thursday's training, spent time rehearsing drives by his flankers, standing off from their scrum half. David's presence, in place of Cobner, at least should not diminish Welsh strength when going forward.

Given parity up front, and something like it in points at half-time, one must take the skills, experience and judgment of the Welsh back division to tilt a decisive scale. And it might pay them, with Gravell's strength likely to be ranged against the much smaller Pecune, to see whether frontal assault wears down resistance.

Teams at Cardiff today

Wales			France	
J. P. R. Williams (London Welsh)	15	Full back	M. Droitecourt (Montferrand)	15
T. G. R. Davies (Cardiff)	14	Right wing	J.-F. Gourdon (Racing)	14
R. W. R. Gravell (Llanelli)	13	Right centre	R. Bertranne (Bagnerais)	13
S. P. Fenwick (Bridgend)	12	Left centre	J. Pecune (S Tarbes)	12
J. J. Williams (Llanelli)	11	Left wing	J.-L. Averous (La Voulte)	11
P. Bennett (Llanelli)	10	Stand-off	J.-P. Romeu (Montferrand)	10
G. O. Edwards (Cardiff)	9	Scrum half	J. Fouroux* (La Voulte)	9
A. G. Faulkner (Pontypool)	1	Prop	G. Cholley (Castres)	1
R. W. Windsor (Pontypool)	2	Hooker	A. Paco (Béziers)	2
G. Price (Pontypool)	3	Prop	R. Paparemborde (Pau)	3
A. J. Martin (Aberavon)	4	Lock	J.-F. Imbernon (Perpignan)	4
G. A. D. Wheel (Swansea)	5	Lock	M. Palmie (Béziers)	5
T. P. David (Pontypridd)	6	Flanker	J.-P. Rives (Stade Toulousain)	6
T. M. Davies* (Swansea)	8	No 8	J.-P. Bastiat (Dax)	8
T. P. Evans (Swansea)	7	Flanker	J.-C. Skrela (Stade Toulousain)	7
*Captain			*Captain	

Referee: J. R. West (Ireland)

Substitutes allowed in all matches by the RFU

Substitutes, or replacements as the Rugby Football Union (RFU) prefer to call them, will be allowed at all levels of the game next season, following a decision yesterday by the RFU committee. This means that top club games in England should no longer be marred by injury to key players and puts routine fixtures on the same standing as internationals, county championship games and John Player Cup-ties, the University match and inter-service games.

Four conditions must be fulfilled before a replacement is permitted: clubs must agree in writing before the match on the principle; and must establish the number of men on the bench, up to a maximum of two; a doctor must be present; and the referee must satisfy himself that the doctor is in attendance.

The RFU also announced a scheme for avoiding play-offs in the county championship groups and replays in the knockout stages. Ties in the groups will be decided on points average and in the later stages the team with most tries will win. If tries are equal, the most conversions will decide and if the counties cannot be split then, the away team will go through.

In an attempt to standardize disciplinary decisions, the RFU have recommended to county committees that when a player is suspended, it should be for a minimum of four weeks for a first offence. Committees are to be encouraged to take into account any refusal by the player's club to pick him after a sending-off. (Clubs cannot suspend players but often omit a sent-off man.)

Following probably the quickest tour invitation to a new union on record, the United States are to visit England in the autumn of 1977. This follows the formation of the United States union only last June. They will tour for three weeks.

Bristol are not allowed to stroll away

By Alan Gibson

Bristol 13 Bath 10

Bristol against Bath ends in a Bristol win more often than not, but it is a match capable of producing its surprises and its jokes, and is always contested with a keenness that has been enhanced rather than diminished through both cities having been shoved into the same county. Bristol knocked Bath out of the cup this season, but Bath, on their own ground, won the first of the regular fixtures. Last night Bristol put that right, narrowly but justly, by a try, a dropped goal, and two penalty goals, to a try, a dropped goal, and a penalty goal.

Bath had a fine chance of pulling the august legs of their hosts in the first half. After 25 minutes they were leading 7—3, the wind behind them, and Bristol a man short (S. J. Davies was cut and had to depart for a time), and Horton providing an occasional magical touch. He had scored a try, a delicate skip-and-slip over from a scrummage near the line, and J. Davies had kicked a penalty goal. All Bristol had, so far, was a penalty from Pearn.

But although Bath went near to scoring several times more in the next few minutes, both by hand and foot, Bristol managed to survive, and were back to strength, and a three point lead, at half time. Carter scored the Bristol try on the left, after a smart passing movement in which the full back had skilfully joined from a lineout on the right; and then Sorrell dropped a goal.

He followed this, early in the second half, with a penalty—Pearn had not been kicking very well—and I thought Bristol would now stroll away with it. So, perhaps, did they. Nothing of the sort happened. Bath got three points back with a dropped goal by Horton, and held their own in the last quarter.

BRISTOL: C. John; A. Morley, C. J. Williams, P. L. Waters, R. S. Carter; D. Sorrell, A. Pearn; R. Speed, J. White, A. Sheppard, A. Troughton, S. Gorvett, D. Rollitt, S. J. Davies, M. Rafter.

BATH: J. Waterman; J. Davies, M. Beese, R. Hones, N. Hudson; J. P. Horton, C. Perry; G. Pudney, A. Edwards, J. Meddick, P. Boyle, B. J. Jenkins, G. Pillinger, P. R. Hall, D. J. Gay.

Referee: Mr J. Burgum (North Midlands).

Football

Bradford City may sprinkle some stardust over the competition

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent

The sixth round of the FA Cup today offers four of the eight surviving clubs their last chance of a home tie. They are Derby County, Manchester United, Sunderland and Bradford City, but whether they are capable of taking advantage of the fact is another matter. Certainly, Newcastle United, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Crystal Palace and Southampton, all with the boisterous support sparked by the Cup as Wembley draws near, will have their own thoughts about the future.

In spite of the varied spicy upsets along the route and the way luck drew many top sides against each other to sweep the path for others, there is a romantic ring about the small band. They now stand on the threshold of the semi-final round, traditionally the most nerve-wracking stage of the whole competition.

Derby, Manchester United, Newcastle, Wolves and Sunderland are all rich in history. Southampton, in the golden age of C. B. Fry, a giant of mind and sporting prowess, twice reached a Cup final at the turn of the century. Crystal Palace have an echo of the past in their very name. Even Bradford City, now of the fourth division, have something unusual to crow about.

The present trophy—the third offered in history by the FA—was designed and manufactured by Fattorini and Sons, a Bradford firm of silversmiths, in 1911. Appropriately enough, it was Bradford City who first won it. Today they are after a unique feat—the possibility of becoming the first fourth division side to reach the semi-finals.

Already they have knocked out Rotherham, Shrewsbury Town, Tooting and Mitcham and Norwich City in East Anglia, a thoroughly unexpected performance. Unbeaten in any match since November 15, they are clearly in the right mood to deal with Southampton, Channon and all. Moreover, Southampton are unsure about the fitness of Steele and McCalliog, their midfield general. Bradford have it in them to scatter some stardust over the competition.

So, too, have Crystal Palace of the third division. Having achieved the biggest upheaval so far in winning at Leeds, then followed it with a victory at Chelsea, they now travel to face Sunderland. The luck of the draw has certainly spun against them, but with character and no little skill they have shrugged it off.

With Newcastle also in the field, attempting to become the first club to reach Wembley twice in the same season, the north-east is now in a vibrant, expansive mood. Sunderland's historic Roker Park, indeed, will be a 54,000 capacity crowd and to show the enthusiasm now surging along Wearside, crowds queued all through Thursday night to snap up the last 3,000 tickets available.

Bob Stokoe, the Sunderland manager, has told the players which 11 will play against Palace. But he refused to tell anyone else, commenting: "I'll announce it tomorrow when we arrive at the ground at about 2.30." He added: "Malcolm Allison can make all the forecasts. He's the extrovert. He'll never change and I'll never change."

The uncommitted connoisseur will be hoping for an eventual final between Manchester United and Derby. They are the class sides in the field. But such hopes are seldom fulfilled in the Cup which has its own character.

On paper both should reach the semi-finals. But Wolves, for one, have other ideas as they face a Manchester side all fit, well and unchanged for the seventeenth successive time. Indeed, Bill McGarry, the Wolves manager, unabashed by United's unbeaten home record this season, said yesterday: "We shall win the Cup. United are a good side, but I feel we shall be the best team on the day to sneak into the semi-final and then go to Wembley." A [illegible] will be at Old T[illegible] to see their favo[illegible] swallow those con[illegible]

With Wembley [illegible] United are in with [illegible] League and FA C[illegible] their manager, To[illegible] said: "We have n[illegible] preparations for th[illegible] as we are conce[illegible] another match. We [illegible] at a time and the [illegible] wonderfully well pl[illegible] all season."

"I see no reason [illegible] pattern. Indeed, w[illegible] day break from tra[illegible] Naturally, we want [illegible] But it won't be t[illegible] world if we don't, [illegible] we have done exc[illegible] this season."

The hardest hit a[illegible] tenders are poor [illegible] they go to the Mi[illegible] on the favourites, [illegible] ing their brave but [illegible] with the League Cu[illegible] only last Saturday, [illegible] tale of misfortune c[illegible] Nattrass, the right [illegible] out with a knee inj[illegible] Macdonald nor Go[illegible] like a hundred per c[illegible] take the field, they [illegible] strong possibility of [illegible] their captain and m[illegible] rank. Tommy Cra[illegible] goalkeeper, Mahone[illegible]

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As for the League [illegible] open this afternoon [illegible] and Queen's Park [illegible] creep ahead in the [illegible] The second division [illegible] games that could [illegible] significance when th[illegible] is made at the end [illegible] Bristol City v Luto[illegible] Notts County v We[illegible] Albion.

Ice skating

Miss Hamill can keep smiling

From John Hennessy
Göteborg, March 5

Lyudmila Pakhomova and her husband, Alexander Gorschkov, took Göteborg by storm here tonight. They were expected to win the world ice dance championship, of course, but few could have expected such a dazzling display as they produced, largely to the accompaniment of music borrowed from the bullring. The holders, Irina Moiseyeva and Andrei Minenkov, also of the Soviet Union (last year's winners only because of the absence through illness of the Gorschkovs), won the silver medal and Colleen O'Connor and James Millns the bronze.

The Gorschkovs have now won the world title six times, together with a host of lesser championships, but even they have never had quite such a stunning success. They had three full marks of 6 for technical merit, which did not exaggerate their prowess, and then no fewer than seven sixes among the nine judges for artistic impression. Only the Polish and American judges felt persuaded to reduce them to 5.9 on the second count. But, the American, having awarded six for technical merit, the Pole stood in lonely isolation with 5.9 for both scores. So far as records immediately available could show this was the highest series of marks in the history of figure skating. The applause was tumultuous from an audience of more than 11,000 spectators, certainly far exceeding any I have ever known before at an ice event.

Everything else paled by comparison—Miss Moiseyeva's beautiful non-dancing, the American pair's snappy programme, and, at a slightly lower level, the pleasing display of the young British pair, Janet Thompson and Warren Maxwell, who were finally placed sixth. Nothing will be remembered of this night but the glittering expertise of the Gorschkovs.

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WOMEN (after short [illegible]): 1, D. Hamill (US), [illegible] 2, D. de Le[illegible] [illegible] 3, [illegible] (W. Germany), [illegible] Errath (E. Germany), [illegible] A. Pötzsch (E. Germany), [illegible] L. Fratianne (US), [illegible] L. Nightingale (Canada), [illegible] W. Burne (US), [illegible] (W. Germany), [illegible] S. Driano (Italy), [illegible] Allison (Canada), 110; [illegible] Richardson (GB), 115.

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A monthly march to immortality

From John Hennessy

Two of the most touching tributes paid to John Curry after his victory in the world figure skating championships here last night came from the widows of two revered Swedish skaters, Grafström and Salchow, who have become legends. Salchow gave his name to the jump off the back inside edge. Grafström stands unique in Olympic history with three gold medals and a silver in successive games (1920 to 1932).

He was deposed at the age of 39 at Lake Placid by Karl Shäfer, of Austria, 20 years his junior. Mrs Salchow presented Curry with her husband's commemorative Olympic medal of 1908, Mrs Grafström with a gold skate she bought specially for the occasion at Kitzbühel after Curry's Olympic victory at Innsbruck last month.

Mrs Salchow was not available today. Mrs Grafström, on the other hand, was only too anxious to sing the praises of a man whom she regards as having turned back the clock to the unhurried, graceful, elegant days of the 20s. She first saw Curry at Copenhagen during last year's European championships. She then had "the feeling you don't have often (as with the Protopopovs) of something beautiful, like listening to some lovely music".

Mrs Grafström, on her father's side, is a great granddaughter of Felix Mendelssohn and music looms large in her every other sentence. She met Curry for the first time at Colorado Springs during last year's world championships and told him how much "you remind me of Gillis [the G is soft] because of your musical interpretation and lack of acrobatics. They belong to the circus".

Curry and Toller Cranston, of Canada, "have brought back the grace and style that used to be so important in skating". She thinks that Cranston is "absolutely marvellous" but not in the Curry category. "Too flamboyant for my personal taste, but I would have liked him to win the silver."

At Geneva in January, during the European championships, a former president of the International Skating Union, James Koch, of Switzerland, commented: "You see skating like Curry's only once every 25 years. I would say you see it only once in a blue moon." Mrs Grafström, a lively little woman, has an excellent command of English, vernacular as well as classical.

Mrs Grafström (French on the mother's side) was at Innsbruck willing Curry to his Olympic triumph and in due time sent him a telegram reading "Warmest congratulations, loud cheers. Cecile Grafström". He was "even better than before, right on his top [her vernacular slipped as she bubbled on]. My thoughts after that were that I would like to give him something as a memento of the Olympic Games, which, after all, my husband had won a few times.

"One day I saw this little golden skate in a shop window at Kitzbühel and I though I'd like to give it to Curry (she never once used his first name alone) as a reminder of Gillis Grafström. I had 'Innsbruck 76' engraved on it with the intention of meeting him here at Göteborg." She would not tall me how much she had paid for the brooch, but clearly it was no tawdry trinket. That is not Kitzbühel's style.

She did not tempt providence by waiting until last night before making her offering. On Wednesday she met Curry before the short programme and, fishing in her handbag, handed him a small parcel. "This is from the Olympics", she said, "and I hope it will bring you luck here". She added: "He opened the little box. I can't remember what he said. I'm afraid, but he was so delighted that I was delighted."

She treasures two pictures. One is of her husband "performing his forward inside spiral, a classical one, if I may say so", in the long ago. The other is of Curry performing a stag leap at Colorado Springs last year, with the Rocky Mountain as an impressive backdrop. On it is inscribed "To Mrs Grafström with love and best wishes, John Curry".

"In 20 years' time, when I shall no longer be here, people will remember John Curry and have forgotten the rest." As she ushered me to the door of her hotel room I asked, as a parting shot, whom she wanted to win the women's championship. "Dorothy Hamill", she replied, "But I wouldn't be heartbroken if she lost, as I would have been if it had ha[illegible] Curry".

Curry showed a thi[illegible] that he received at [illegible] press conference, which [illegible] commanded as to th[illegible] born and bred. It was [illegible] clover brooch, each pe[illegible] senting one of his fo[illegible] this season. In chronolo[illegible] he has now won the Bri[illegible] pionship, surprisingly, [illegible] now seem, only on th[illegible] of his compulsory figu[illegible] Robin Cousins at Ric[illegible] January.

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Curry is now in the [illegible] ing position of having be[illegible] a hot property that he [illegible] sure where he goes [illegible] He said last night that [illegible] never abandon his idea[illegible] senting ice skating pro[illegible] as a performing art rath[illegible] a show business spect[illegible] "almost everybody wh[illegible] body in skating has appr[illegible] this week and I would [illegible] to turn my back on them[illegible]

Bernard Ford, anoth[illegible] world champion of recen[illegible] has tried the formula [illegible] that Curry would now [illegible] promote but found it to[illegible] mercially unviable. Cu[illegible] find, too, that against [illegible] judgment and even his [illegible] may have to vamp it up [illegible] the professional ranks. He [illegible] had offers to write [illegible] hardly surprising, since [illegible] ceptionally articulate) [illegible] (for which I sought, una[illegible] to audition him).

Before all this, though [illegible] be embarking on the annu[illegible] national Skating Union [illegible] There will be queues a[illegible] Thames for his last ap[illegible] as an amateur at Rich[illegible] March 17.

England expects every man will do his duty

By Richard Streeton

Few England rugby teams have had the same motivation for winning than the one which plays Ireland at Twickenham this afternoon (2.45). It is hardly an exaggeration to say that despair and disappointment at England's recent results in the international championship have seeped dangerously through to all levels of the game. Merely a win today would help thwart the mounting feeling of disillusionment with the whole policy and structure of the game in England. Victory achieved by flair and panache would be even better.

It is, perhaps, important to stress that it is chiefly the England results that have brought such frustration. Like everyone else I pay lip service to the creed that winning is not everything. On the other hand it is wrong that potential should not be fulfilled. And in recent years England have had the opportunities, the players and the skills to succeed. Some historic wins—as well as some setbacks—have come on tour. But once again this winter, in the international championship, the baffling and sad setbacks have recurred.

Most thinking people with the concern of English rugby at heart have remained philosophical as the first two championship games—against Wales and Scotland—have been lost for the fifth successive season. There has, hitherto, also been a certain sympathy for the new coach, the players and selectors, though, I fear, it may start to evaporate soon. Now against an Irish XV with many worries of their own, England must accept a wonderful chance to emerge from their sea of problems.

England have rightly avoided making mass changes. The introduction of Adey at No 8 is aimed at tightening things defensively around the scrummage, something which was clearly needed. Mistakes in this area proved costly at Murrayfield though some of us believe that Lampkowski was a little unfairly blamed, and too strongly, for everything that went wrong then. Ripley may be missed in the lineouts but England retain great power and strength in their front five and Old's place kicking remains as reliable as ever.

Part of the fascination of today's match is that Ireland's main strength probably lies in the ability of their loose forwards, Deering and McKinney, to pounce on mistakes. If England are to eradicate their errors round the fringes, no more testing occasion could have been devised. If all this sounds ominous, there is irony, too, that Canniffe, the Irish scrum half, has been criticized for his defensive approach and lack of variety. Moloney, some Irish critics feel, would have posed many more problems for Neary and co.

Gibson, who so often has shone at Twickenham, remains a potent threat in midfield for Ireland even if his career is nearing its end. He wins his fifty-fifth cap today, a world record for a back, surpassing his former colleague Kiernan's total of 54 appearances. Gibson has two new caps with him in the line, Brady, a former winger whose rapid rise to this level began this season when he was converted to centre, and Blake-Knox, an elusive runner who, however, has had more than his share of injuries this winter.

Ireland's unhappy experience of late with injuries and sickness continued yesterday when Hakin, the lock, became the second late withdrawal. He has influenza. Steele, the 28-year-old Ballymena player, wins his first cap and will play at No 8. Foley, who came in when Duggan dropped out on Thursday with a back injury, reverts to his usual club position in the second row. Not once this season have Ireland been able to play their team as originally selected.

This year Ireland have lost to Australia, France and Wales, though from all accounts it would seem that the 34—9 margin at Dublin was slanderous on the day. They have won their last four games against England. Any Irish team invariably possesses character and spirit: England obviously have yet to produce these qualities, though many of us do not doubt they are only dormant.

For their clubs, Maxwell and Cooke, the England centres, are imaginative players. Plummer and Sleman, a new cap, have the directness needed on the wings. I expect a hard, gruelling struggle forward early on, which might not necessarily be decisive. England, I believe, could finish more strongly, however, and they possess the ability to triumph in the closing stages by running the ball. Let us hope they are allowed to do so. Then we might yet be provided with the flourish that the game in England needs just as much as it needs success.

Teams at Twickenham today

England			Ireland	
A. J. Hignell (Cambridge University)	15	Full back	A. Ensor (Wanderers)	15
K. Plummer (Bristol)	14	Right wing	T. Grace* (St Mary's College)	14
A. W. Maxwell (Headingley)	13	Right centre	J. Brady (Wanderers)	13
D. A. Cooke (Harlequins)	12	Left centre	C. M. H. Gibson (NIFC)	12
M. Slemen (Liverpool)	11	Left wing	S. Blake-Knox (NIFC)	11
A. G. B. Old (Middlesbrough)	10	Stand-off	B. McGann (Cork Constitution)	10
M. S. Lampkowski (Headingley)	9	Scrum half	D. Canniffe (Lansdowne)	9
F. E. Cotton (Sale)	1	Prop	P. Orr (Old Wesley)	1
P. J. Wheeler (Leicester)	2	Hooker	J. Cantrell (UCD)	2
M. A. Burton (Gloucester)	3	Prop	P. O'Callaghan (Dolphin)	3
W. B. Beaumont (Fylde)	4	Lock	M. Keane (Lansdowne)	4
R. M. Wilkinson (Bedford)	5	Lock	B. Foley (Shannon)	5
M. Keyworth (Swansea)	6	Flanker	S. Deering (Garryowen)	6
G. Adey (Leicester)	8	No 8	H. W. Steele (Ballymena)	8
A. Neary* (Broughton Park)	7	Flanker	S. McKinney (Dungannon)	7
*Captain			*Captain	

Referee: A. M. Hosie (Scotland)

Weekend fixtures

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated.

FA Cup

Sixth round

Bradford City v Southampton ....
Derby County v Newcastle U ....
Man U v Wolves (2.45) ....
Sunderland v Crystal Palace ......

First division

Aston Villa v Ipswich............
Leicester v Everton ....
Liverpool v Middlesbrough ......
Man C v Sheffield U (3.15) ....
Norwich v Tottenham ....
QP Rangers v Coventry ....
Stoke v Burnley ....
West Ham U v Birmingham ......

Second division

Blackburn v Bristol Rovers ......
Blackpool v Bolton ....
Bristol City v Luton ....
Carlisle v Nottm Forest ....
Fulham v Portsmouth ....
Hull City v Oxford U ....
Notts Cnty v West Bromwich ....
Oldham v Orient ....
Plymouth v Chelsea ....

FA TROPHY: Fourth round: Bedford v Runcorn; Bromsgrove v Enfield, Scarborough v Tooting and Mitcham; Stafford Rangers v Hillingdon.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bath v Cambridge City; Burton v Telford; Chelmsford v Wimbledon; Dover v Yeovil; Grantham v Stourbridge; Gravesend v Maidstone; Nuneaton v Margate; Tonbridge v Atherstone; Weymouth v Dunstable. First division (north): Barry v Banbury; Bedworth v Witney Town; Bury Town v Kidderminster; Corby v AP Leamington; Gloucester v Merthyr Tydfil; King's Lynn v Cheltenham; Milton Keynes v Enderby; Oswestry v Tamworth. First division (south): Andover v Dorchester; Ashford v Poole; Bexley v Crawley; Dartford v Salisbury; Guildford Dorking v Bognor Regis; Metropolitan Police v Folkestone Shepway; Minehead v Hastings; Trowbridge v Canterbury.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Altrincham v Fleetwood; Gainsborough v Wigan Athletic; Goole v Macclesfield; Lancaster v Buxton; Matlock v Skelmersdale; Morecambe v Boston United; Netherfield v Mossley; Northwich Vic v Gt Harwood; S Liverpool v Gateshead; Worksop v Bangor City.

Third division

Brighton v Peterborough ....
Bury v Grimsby (3.15) ....
Chester v Shrewsbury ....
Chesterfield v Cardiff (3.15) ....
Gillingham v Aldershot ....
Mansfield v Wrexham ....
Rotherham v Port Vale ....
Sheffield Wed v Walsall ....
Swindon v Southend ....
Postponed: Colchester v Millwall. Hereford v Preston.

Fourth division

Cambridge U v Bournemouth ..
Hartlepool v Huddersfield ......
Lincoln v Crewe ....
Reading v Doncaster ....
Scunthorpe v Brentford (3.15) ....
Tranmere v Rochdale ....
Watford v Northampton ....

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Clapton v Staines Town; Dulwich Hamlet v Bishop's Stortford; Hayes v Barking; Ilford v Oxford City; Kingstonian v Hendon; Leatherhead v Walthamstow Avenue; Sutton United v Wycombe Wanderers; Woking v Leytonstone. Second division: Bromley v Ware; Chesham United v Aveley; Croydon v Harlow Town; Finchley v Harwich and Parkeston; Hampton v Hertford Town; Harrow Borough v Tilbury; Hornchurch v Corinthian Casuals; St Albans City v Walton and Hersham; Wokingham Town v Maidenhead United. Subsidiary Cup: Carshalton Athletic v Hitchin Town; Horsham Wood v Horsham; Wembley v Southall and EB.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: Addlestone v Ruislip; Hounslow v Letchworth; Leyton v Worthing; Marlow v Redhill; Rainham v Grays Athletic. Second division: Aylesbury v Epsom and Ewell; Eastbourne Town v Tring; Eastbourne United v Camberley; Edgware v Egham; Faversham v Molesey; Feltham v Harefield; Uxbridge v Windsor and Eton; Willesden v Hemel Hempstead.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE CUP: Third round: Egham v Alton; Cheshunt v Erith and Belvedere.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Old Etonians v Lancing OB; Old Wellingburians v Old Aldenhamians; Old Westminsters v Old Carthusians.

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Semi-final round: Old Brentwoods v Old Salopians (at Brentwood, 2.30); Old Malvernians v Old Foresters (at Malvern, 2.30).

University Games

Oxford v Cambridge (Crystal Palace, 11.30).

Golf

UNIVERSITY MATCHES: Walton Heath v Oxford; Notts v Cambridge (at Hollinwell); Hankley Common v Oxford Divots; Old Stymies v Cambridge Stymies (at Thorpeness).

Scottish Cup

Dumbarton v Kilmarnock ....
Montrose v Hearts ....
Motherwell v Hibernian ....
Queen of South v Rangers ....

Scottish Spring Cup

First round

Airdrie v Brechin ....
Alloa v Falkirk ....
Clyde v Clydebank ....
Cowdenbeath v Hamilton ....
E Stirling v Morton ....
Forfar v Partick Th ....
Meadowbank v St Mirren ....
Queen's Pk v Dunfermline ......
Stenhousemuir v Arbroath ......
Stranraer v East Fife ....

Scottish premier division

Ayr v Celtic ....

Scottish second division

Stirling Alb v Raith Rovers ......

Hockey

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-final round: Slough v Northampton Saints (2.30); Bury Y.M.C.A. v Nottingham (2.0); Isca v R.A.F. Support Command (2.30).

LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham v Teddington; Blackheath v Dulwich; Bromley v St. Albans; Guildford v Maidenhead; Hawks v Cheam; Richmond v Old Kingstonians; Spencer v Reading; Surbiton v Tulse Hill; Wimbledon v Southgate.

EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City v Cambridge University Wanderers.

OTHER MATCHES: London University v Polytechnic; Mid-Surrey v Army.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL: Wales v England (Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, 2.0).

Lacrosse

UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford v Cambridge (at Crystal Palace).

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Croydon v Purley; London University v Hampstead; St. Helier v Buckhurst Hill.

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle v Urmston, Heaton Mersey v Boardman and Eccles; Old Hulmeians v South Manchester and Wythenshawe; Old Stopfordians v Mellor; Sheffield University v Old Waconians.

Rugby Union

International matches

England v Ireland (at Twickenham, 2.45).
Wales v France (at Cardiff).

Club matches

Aldershot Services v US Portsmouth (2.0)
Army v Liverpool (11.0)
Bedford v RAF
Birmingham v Roundhay
Blackheath v Headingley
Boroughmuir v Northern
Bradford v Otley
Bristol v Bath (3.15)
Edinburgh Wanderers v Dunfermline
Fylde v Langholm
Glamorgan Wanderers v Cross Keys (10.30)
Gosforth v Sale
Halifax v New Brighton
Harrogate v Cheltenham
Huddersfield v Wakefield
Jedforest v Selkirk
Jordanhill v Hillhead
London Scottish v Richmond (11.0)
London Welsh v Coventry (11.0)
Loughborough Colleges v Broughton Park
Lydney v Weston-s-Mare
Melrose v Kelso
Metro Police v Birkenhead Park [illegible]
Northampton v Gloucester (7.0)
N of Ireland v Waterloo
Nottingham v Manchester
O Whitgiftians v Clifton (10.30)
Orrell v Wilmslow
Penarth v Dilon (11.0)
Redruth v Devonport Services
Rosslyn Park v Cambridge U (11.30)
St Mary's Hospital v London Irish (11.0)
Saracens v Nuneaton (10.45)
Streatham/Croydon v Oxford (10.30)
Taunton v Bridgwater and Albion
Watsonians v Royal High
West Hartlepool v Heriots FP

Rugby League

FIRST DIVISION: Huddersfield v Castleford

Tomorrow

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCHES: Coventry v Wasps; West Hartlepool v Cheltenham.
TOUR MATCH: Bridgend v British Columbia.

Rugby League

FIRST DIVISION: Bradford Northern v Hull Kingston Rovers; Dewsbury v Keighley (3.30); Featherstone Rovers v Swinton (3.30); Oldham v Wakefield Trinity (3.30); Widnes v Leeds.
SECOND DIVISION: Doncaster v Workington Town; Hull v Batley; Leigh v Barrow (3.30); Rochdale Hornets v Bramley; York v Blackpool Borough.

Hockey

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Hertfordshire v Lancashire (St Albans, 2.30).
NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-final round: Hounslow v Bedfordshire Eagles (11.00).
LONDON LEAGUE: Purley v Beckenham.
OTHER MATCHES: Cambridge University v Ladwidlers; London University v Purples; R.A.F. Under-21 v Oxfordshire Under-21 (Halton).

Motor racing

THRUXTON: BARC event, formula three championship round, 2.0

Last night's results

Fourt division

Newport (0) 0		Torquay (1) 2	Brown, Twitchin
Southport (0) 2	Galley 2	Workington (0) 1	Murray
1,326			
Stockport (1) 2	Davies, Hollis	Exeter (1) 1	Bowker
		2,440	
Swansea (0) 3	Bray, Thomas, James	Barnsley (1) 1	Butler
		2,510	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northampton	33	21	6	6	54	28	48
Lincoln	29	21	5	3	71	27	47
Reading	34	21	5	8	71	27	47
Tranmere	32	18	7	7	65	34	43
Huddersfield	30	16	7	7	41	26	39
Exeter	35	14	11	10	42	31	39
Bournemouth	31	16	6	9	44	37	38
Doncaster	33	16	6	11	62	48	38
Swansea	32	13	9	10	48	39	35
Torquay	33	14	7	12	38	48	35
Watford	33	15	4	14	41	48	34
Rochdale	31	10	13	8	33	34	33
Stockport	34	11	10	13	35	48	32
Crewe	32	9	13	10	45	38	31
Cambridge	34	10	11	13	37	43	31
Newport	33	11	7	14	47	59	29
Brentford	31	10	8	13	41	44	28
Hartlepool	33	10	8	15	45	56	28
Barnsley	35	8	13	13	30	40	29
Bradford	29	8	10	11	36	37	26
Darlington	32	8	6	18	35	43	22
Scunthorpe	33	8	6	20	35	46	22
Workington	33	5	5	23	21	60	15
Southport	33	3	5	25	23	62	11

RUGBY UNION: Abertillery 20, Racing Club de Paris 16; Bristol 13, Bath 10; Leicester 6, Harlequins 38; Moseley 31, Rugby 4; Tredegar 14, Torquay 12.

TV highlights

BBC 1
Football: FA Cup preview (12.35).
Hockey: Indoor final (1.0, 1.40).
Racing: Haydock Park races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30.
Skating: World championships (2.10).
Rugby Union: Wales v France (2.40), England v Ireland (4.30).
Football: Match of the Day (10.5).
Skating: World championships (11.5).

BBC 2
Rugby Union: England v Ireland (2.55), Wales v France, England v Ireland (7.25).

IBA
Football: FA Cup preview (12.35).
Surfing: Hawaiian Masters championship (1.0).
Racing: Market Rasen races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0; Hereford races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.45.
Athletics: USSR v US (3.10).
Wrestling: Sheffield promotion (4.0).

IBA—tomorrow
Football: Big Match (2.10).

Bowls

JOHANNESBURG: World championships: Singles, round 12: M. Evans (Wales) 21, R. Middleton (Australia) 15; W. Wood (Scotland) 21, Tolova'a Si'imoa (Western Samoa) 9; D. Watson 21, S. Sarumaru (Japan) 1; R. Folkins (US) 21, R. du Feu (Guernsey) 8; E. Liddell (Hongkong) 21, E. van Niekerk (Jersey) 4; D. Bryant (England) 21, J. Allman (Rhodesia) 18; K. Clark (New Zealand) 21, R. Fulton (Ireland) 19; M. Gordon (Israel) 21, H. Laidler lead in 14-match series.) Round 13: Middleton 21, Folkins 17; Laidlaw 21, van Niekerk 19; Allman 21, Gordon 12; Bryant 21, Evans 16; du Feu 21; Fulton 18; Watson 21, Clark 20; Si'imoa 21, Sarumaru 5; Liddell 21, Wood 11.

Fours, round 12: England 24, Rhodesia 17; Western Samoa 20, Scotland 16; Jersey 27, Hongkong 14; Australia 20, Wales 13; South Africa 47, Japan 8; Ireland 22, New Zealand 17; United States 26, Guernsey 15; Malawi 21, Israel 17. Round 13: Western Samoa 34, Japan 8; Scotland 19, Hongkong 18; Ireland 33, Guernsey 12; Rhodesia 29, Israel 15; South Africa 37, New Zealand 18; Jersey 19, Malawi 18; Wales 22, England 18; Australia 18, United States 15.

Alpine skiing

COPPER MOUNTAIN (Colorado): World Cup: Women's giant slalom: 1, R. Mittermaier (WG), 1min 28.43sec; 3, C. Nelson, 1:29.77; 5, B. Zurbriggen (Switzerland), 1:30.10; 4, B. Totschnig (Austria), 1:30.17; 5, I. Epple (WG), 1:30.23; 6, L. Cochran, 1:30.23.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	off Piste	Weather (5 pm)
Crans	10	35	Worn	Varied	Wind
Spring conditions					
Sauze d'Oulx	30	70	Fair	Crust	Fog
Ice on south slopes					
Seefeld	40	70	Poor	Heavy	Fine
Pistes worn and icy					
Val d'Isère	50	150	Fair	Varied	Fine
North facing slopes good					
Villars	10	70	Fair	Heavy	Fine
Very worn lower slopes					
Wengen	20	70	Fair	Spring	Haze
Good spring skiing					

	Depth (cm) L	U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
FRANCE					
Auron	80	160	Good	Sun	—
Gourette	40	200	Hard	Sun	—
La Plagne	80	100	Hard	Sun	—
Le Corbier	20	130	Good	Sun	—
Les Arcs	55	135	Good	Sun	—
Superdévoluy	40	200	Good	Sun	—
NORWAY					
Finse	280	310	Good	—	-3
Geilo	40	50	Good	—	-1
Gol	60	70	Good	—	-1
Lillehammer	55	70	Good	—	-1
Norefjell	40	90	Good	—	-5
Oslo	30	35	Fair	—	-3
Rjukan	15	65	Fair	—	-5
Voss	90	115	Good	—	-5
	165	185	Good	—	-1
SPAIN					
Baqueira-Beret	115	160	Good	[illegible]	
Cerler	50	80	Good	[illegible]	
Formigal	—	120	Good	[illegible]	
Panticosa	—	100	Good	[illegible]	
Solynieve	60	100	Good	[illegible]	

SCOTLAND: Cairngorms: main runs complete, others. Surface icy, limited, surface [illegible]. Vertical runs: [illegible]. Access clear. Snow level: 2,000ft. [illegible] No main runs complete. [illegible] cover of spring snow. [illegible] lower slopes. Vertical runs [illegible] Access roads clear. Snow [illegible] 2,300ft. Glencoe: A few [illegible] complete, others broken [illegible] packed snow. No snow off slopes. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. roads clear. Snow level: 2,50[illegible]

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... story line goes like ... til 6 Dunn will meet ... ast, of West Ger... e vacant European ... Albert Hall. If Dunn ... Ali, who arrives in ... week to sign copies ... tory, will do his best ... those of us who have ... unn in action that ... ion of all Europe, of ... tinent" (I can just ... lling out the words), ... contender.

... 31-year-old scaffolder ... ord who was also a ... put the proposed ... bout in the right per... terday. Honest as the ... d "I reckon if Ali ... oopman he can fight ... 'll tell you something ... thing. If I do meet ... up a better show than ... " Do you mean you ... rounds, Richard? ... n told, turned down ... prospective opponent ... hs ago when he found ... British champion was ... You become the ... reading the small ... ch as by sheer genius. ... excuse for taking on ... e Coopman, Young and ... pressed like this. "So ... people want life and ... e time from me. Why, ... on and Foreman ahead ... me have a little rest ... "

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Richard Dunn . . put the proposed bout in perspective.

ner received for lasting 15 dreary rounds against Ali in Malaysia. Funnily enough, Dunn was not even mentioned when Ali's trainer Angelo Dundee last week went through the best of the rest of the heavyweights in a magazine interview. Instead Dundee talked about the now retired Bugner, commenting, "I think he could be champ today, though people think I'm insane."

But depend upon it, Richard Dunn will be a household name, like saucepan or Harpic, if springtime, the jolly ring time, brings him his big chance. Ali lures, fools, enchants and mesmerizes everyone to empty their pockets. Dunn, perhaps practising that "no neck" shrug of victory of his, in his dreams, can at least reflect upon the remark by my American colleague Mark Kram "No man who climbs into a ring with Muhammad Ali can ever be a nonentity again."

Below is a list of the British challengers for the world heavyweight title since 1937:

Tommy Farr: lost, points, 15 rounds, Joe Louis, 1937.
Don Cockell: lost, stopped, 9 rounds, Rocky Marciano: 1955.
Brian London: lost, knockout, 11 rounds, Floyd Patterson, 1959.
Henry Cooper: lost, stopped, 6 rounds, Muhammad Ali, 1966.
Brian London: lost, knockout, 3 rounds, Muhammad Ali, 1966.
Joe Bugner: lost, points, 15 rounds, Muhammad Ali, 1975.

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...aylor will join Britain's ... p tennis team for the ... h with France in Bor... omorrow. The team ... Paul Hutchins, faces the ... of whether to play the ... d international in the ... place of John Lloyd, ... who has shown outstand... in this week's matches ... ungary and West Ger... underland.

... virtually a tax exile ... ain, has not played in ... Britain's seven home ... he European champion... f which have been won, ... m by 3—0 margins. In ... Taylor's record has ... en impressive, winning ... of five singles contested. ... s played singles in five ... ing three. He has also ... he winning doubles side ... out of 10.

... Thursday night's ... Britain are still one point ... e leaders, Hungary, who ... their programme to... with a home tie against ... placed West Germany. ... ll countries having one ... play, the first division ... is:

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..	..	13	7	7
..	..	13	4	4
..	..	13	3	3
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Cricket

Pakistan to make tour of Australia

Islamabad, March 5.—Pakistan's cricket team will tour Australia at the end of this year for a three-Test series, the chairman of the Pakistan cricket board, Mr Hafeez Kardar, said here today.

He told Reuter the Australian cricket board had offered a guarantee of £50,000 for the tour, which was expected to begin in the first week of December.

Mr Kardar also disclosed that Pakistan would make another short tour of Australia in February, 1978, on the way home from New Zealand.

Pakistan will sandwich the first tour, comprising three Tests and three state games, in between a home series against New Zealand starting in October and a tour of the West Indies commencing next February.

Pakistan were originally scheduled to make an immediate return tour to New Zealand before going to the West Indies but this has now been put back a year to accommodate the Australian trip.

Mr Kardar said Australia planned to tour Pakistan in early 1980.—Reuter.

MELBOURNE: Sheffield Shield: Victoria, 44 for 9 dec (M. Malone 5-28, D. K. Lillee 4-15); Western Australia, 142 for 8 (A. Hurst 4-50).

BRISBANE: Sheffield Shield: Queensland, 348 for 7 (P. H. Carlson 80 not out, G. S. Chappell 79; G. J. Cosier 2-13) v South Australia.

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...arter-final round of the ... club championship and ... of the county champion... h sponsored by Benson ... es, highlight one of the ... ockey weekends in Eng... several years. Crucial ... will be played today in ... League, sponsored by ... and the London League.

...ockey Association agreed ... Hounslow and Bedford... les to play their match ... uarter-final round of the ... ampionship tomorrow ... at Hounslow, starting at ... d of today. Hounslow, ... the championship two ... go, are hoping to regain ... rels and Bedfordshire ... who lost in the final last ... o Southgate, think that ... do better this time.

...nners of this match will ... er Slough or Northamp... ts who meet today at ... In the other half of the ... ry St Edmunds YMCA ... ttingham and Isca meet ... upport Command, which means that all northern interest in the event has evaporated.

A large crowd is expected tomorrow at Clarence Park, St Albans, where Hertfordshire are meeting Lancashire in the final of the county championship (2.30). Both sides, who have not met in the event before, are well known for their fast, open play. Hertfordshire, who beat Surrey in the final two seasons ago, lost their title to Kent last season.

Four members of the Great Britain Olympic party now in training, will be seen in this match—Blackmore and Foulkes for Lancashire, Whitaker and Cotton for Hertfordshire. Because of injury, Lancashire will not be able to field Dooley, who had a good game against Middlesex in the quarter-final round. The probable line-up for tomorrow's final is:

HERTFORDSHIRE: J. A. Hurst; D. V. Collison, P. R. Brooker, D. B. Whitaker, S. J. Brace, B. J. Cotton, P. Hazell, H. Morgan, R. J. Ashby, M. J. Tideswell, S. F. Guyton.

LANCASHIRE: S. Shepherdson; P. J. C. Fogden, D. G. Blackmore, S. Eyre, D. W. Badley, K. W. Jackson, J. A. J. Brown, C. Cotterell, C. J. C. Whalley, J. E. C. Foulkes, J. C. Roberts.

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...gton's basic skills were ... rior to those of Liver... fton in the quarter-final ... of the National indoor ... championship, sponsored ... on and Hedges, at Crystal ... yesterday. Teddington's ... f lead of 4—0 was suffi... curity against a spirited ... e by the Liverpool side in ... nd half.

... and Hicks dominated Ted... s attacks with their speed, ... ift, and body swerves and ... goals between them. ... l Sefton, with fewer skills, ... heavily on Blackmore ... re. Blackmore did not ... himself a rest and it was ... to Sefton's advantage ... did not.

... put Teddington in the ... m a corner after Liver... d been penalized for play... ball in the air. Hicks ... ng well with Sian, scored ... ond goal, and then added the third. Shortly before the interval a perfect pass by Mayo helped Ginny to put Teddington four up.

Liverpool Sefton, inspired by Blackmore, who was well supported by Eyre, organized a series of second half assaults which led to three goals in a row, two by Blackmore, one by Miller. They might have equalized if Hicks had not saved on the line.

Teddington's anxiety was relieved when Mayo scored from a corner. Hicks, taking advantage of a defensive tangle, put them 6—3 ahead and Mayo scored the seventh from a corner. In the dying minutes Badley converted a corner from Liverpool. Both sides had only 10 players on the team sheet against the 12 permitted by the rules.

TEDDINGTON: R. Duncom; G. Taylor, C. Hicks, P. Withers, A. Mayo, S. Ginny, G. Galland, N. Archer, H. Sian, S. Woodward.

LIVERPOOL SEFTON: S. Carr; D. Blackmore, D. Roberts, S. Eyre, D. Badley, T. Williams, P. Mahoney, J. Jackson, K. Miller, H. Walker.

Umpires: R. Heatne (Southern Counties), D. Mercer (Western Counties).

Racing

Even Up to tap that vein of gold which runs through his form

By Michael Seely

Even Up, trained by Diane Oughton, can make his long journey from Sussex to Haydock Park a profitable one by winning the Greenall Whitley Breweries Steeplechase this afternoon. The proud property of the Daily Mirror Punters Club, Even Up ran his greatest race in the Welsh Grand National, sponsored by Joe Coral.

This Chepstow marathon is always a war of attrition and this year's contest proved no exception. The race reached its climax when the exhausted favourite, Gylippus, collapsed at the last fence leaving Rag Trade in the lead with Even Up challenging. Although Even Up could make no impression in the final 100 yards, enhanced his reputation in attempting to concede 7lb to the winner, a formidable stayer. Prior to Chepstow, Even Up had strode to a comfortable victory over Cell-na-mara and Barona at Newbury. There is a vein of gold running through this form as Cell-na-mara went on to Lingfield Park to beat Silver Delight who made a successful return to the Surrey track last Wednesday.

This afternoon Red Rum carries top weight, but at this stage of his preparation his trainer, Donald McCain, does not consider the dual Grand National winner to be forward enough to defy 11st 13lb over three miles. "I am more than satisfied with Red Rum's progress", McCain said yesterday, "but he needs a distance of ground nowadays even on good going and I'd be happy to see Red Rum run an honourable race in defeat."

The chief dangers to Even Up are likely to be Royal Frolic and Barona. Fred Rimell trains Royal Frolic who at the age of seven is the up and coming horse in the race. Belonging to the former Haydock Park steward, Sir Edward Hanmer, Royal Frolic has already scored three times on the Lancashire track. A good winner at Wolverhampton last time out, Royal Frolic had previously fallen when going well on this course in the race in which What a Buck narrowly defeated Cantabet.

The 10-year-old Barona, belonging to that staunch patron of National Hunt racing, Colonel W. Whitbread, has little chance of beating Even Up judged on their running together at Newbury. Barona needs further than three miles to exploit his stamina, but I expect to see a bold showing from the gelding on his way to Aintree where he cannot be considered harshly treated with 10 st 6 lb.

Exciting support for the big steeplechase will be provided by the Victor Ludorum Hurdle which seems to lie at the mercy of the David Morley-trained Valmony. The Victor Ludorum, together with the Yellow Pages Hurdle at Kempton Park and the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle are the three main events of the year for four-year-olds. In the past 10 years Persian War and Coral Diver have taken this race prior to winning the Triumph Hurdle. Valmony, who successfully gave the Yellow Pages Hurdle winner Soldier Rose, 10 lb at Newbury, is one of the favourites for the Cheltenham race. Beaten only once in his career as a hurdler, Valmony is considered inferior to his stable companion, Havanus, at home but his rugged qualities of stamina and courage are seen to best advantage on the racecourse. Sweet Joe, conqueror of Havanus in the Minnow Hurdle at Newcastle, and Gaelic, second in that race, would seem to pose the chief threats today. But Sweet Joe had previously been beaten twice by Havanus and the only real danger to Valmony is the firm ground.

Unlike Valmony, Southern Lad, who runs in the Doormouse Handicap Steeplechase, revels in the prevailing conditions. Although well beaten by Even Dawn at Doncaster, Southern Lad faces weaker opposition and is a confident selection, to give the weight to John's Knapp. Southern Lad's rider, the champion, Tommy Stack, could also win the March Hare Novices' Handicap on Banacheck II and the Duchess Handicap Hurdle on John Brown.

Although Major Role and The Hertford will be left in the Irish Sweeps Lincoln at Doncaster on March 27 plans are not yet finalized. The trainer, Brian Swift, said: "I may run Major Role in the Liverpool Spring Cup—subject to further discussions

Black Andrew's day at Newbury

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The racing at Newbury this afternoon is overshadowed by the happenings at Haydock Park where the Greenall Whitley Breweries Steeplechase and the Victor Ludorum Hurdle are the twin attractions. Both are more valuable than any race run at Newbury and with Cheltenham and Aintree no longer specks on the horizon both should be particularly informative.

The Geoffrey Gilbey Memorial Handicap Steeplechase forms the centrepiece of the programme at Newbury. Lean Forward, who is a member of Sir John Thomson's famous National Hunt family, would have a good chance of winning this prize if he were at his best, but his last two efforts have been singularly disappointing and I prefer Black Andrew who ran the race of his life over today's distance at Sandown Park four weeks ago when he won the Stone's Ginger Wine Steeplechase in record time. With Mark Floyd riding him again and claiming 7 lb Black Andrew will carry only 10 st 5 lb this afternoon and that could well turn out to be a winner's weight. I cannot visualize Zeta's Son giving Black Andrew 13 lb. After winning at Newbury, Zeta's Son ran disappointingly at Lingfield Park. And nor can I envisage Vikrom beating Black Andrew. Her opposition was weak when she won four steeplechases in the autumn.

Her trainer, Fred Winter, does seem to have more than just an outside chance of winning three of the other races with Young Octavius (1.30), Brawny Scot (2.0) and Little Catworth (3.30). Railway Child, who was successful at Huntingdon last month, should be more of a threat to Young Octavius in the first division of the Whatcombe Novices' Hurdle than Caveina whose form at Ascot looked somewhat suspect. Although he finished only sixth behind Perversity in another race at Ascot, Young Octavius still looked as though he was a horse with a bright future. Perversity runs in the other division of the Whatcombe Novices' Hurdle and I think that she may well be capable of beating Flitgrove and El Menino.

When Brawny Scot won at Kempton Park a week ago his only rival was Summer Dance whom he beat with the greatest of ease. Summer Dance is one of his opponents again today in the Jack of Newbury Novices' Steeplechase. Mr Straight, a good hurdler on his day and a winner of a steeplechase at Stratford-on-Avon only a week ago, is also in the field and if I were John Francome on Brawny Scot I would be more afraid of him than of Summer Dance.

Little Catworth has not won a hurdle race but when he finished second to Leading Lady at Towcester he ran well enough to suggest that he might be able to beat the likes of Spare Slipper, Balladór and Brig in the Highclere Novices' Hurdle. French Colonist has already beaten Into View at Newbury this year and what he has achieved once he should manage again especially as the distance of the Charles Higgins Memorial Foxhunter's Cup is likely to suit him better than Into View.

Perhaps the most interesting thing to emerge during yesterday afternoon at Newbury was Derek Kent's announcement that Grand Canyon, his rising young star, will run in the Lloyds Bank Champion Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham and not in the Champion Hurdle itself. There are two schools of thought as far as Grand Canyon is concerned. Kent belongs to the one that believes that as a novice Grand Canyon should run in the race confined to novices because he will never get another opportunity to do so and that he will have other opportunities to try for the Champion Hurdle. Others say that when a horse has done what Grand Canyon has done this season you should take a chance. With the Champion Hurdle boiling up I believe that Kent is wise to opt for the easier of the two races.

One horse, another bright young star, who will not be seen at Cheltenham is Border Incident. After he had won his first steeplechase at Windsor impressively it was hoped that he might be in the line-up for the Arkle Challenge Trophy. But talking to his trainer Richard Head yesterday after he had just seen King Kong win the Snelsmore Handicap Steeplechase I learnt that during his race at Windsor, Border Incident overreached so badly that he struck into himself from behind and that one hoof even sliced clean through a protective leather pad supporting one of his forelegs.

STATE OF GOING (official): Haydock Park: Steeplechase, good to firm; hurdles, firm. Newbury: Good to firm. Market Rasen: Good to firm. Hereford: Good to firm. Kelso: Good to firm. Leicester (Monday): Firm. Windsor (Monday): Good to firm.

Haydock Park programme

[Television (BBC1): 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races]

1.30 OYSTER HURDLE (Novices Handicap: £441: 2¼m)

4 111404 Wrongly Down (B. Lee), R. Edwards, 5-11-11 .. C. Astbury
6 203132 The Alickadoo (CD) (S. Childs), M. H. Easterby, 6-11-4 P. Broderick
8 440310 Blue Comedian (C) (N. Chamberlain), Chamberlain, 5-11-1 J. Wilson 7
10 404012 Rajmatal (M. Barrett), J. Hardy, 5-11-0 .... M. Blackshaw
14 000102 Haighway (D. Stanton), M. Tate, 5-10-11 ...... R. Evans
15 000230 William Penn (Maj J. Rubin), B. Thompson, 5-10-11 B. R. Davies
16 00b400 Mariners Goddess (C) (Mrs J. Kirkpatrick), B. Cambidge, 7-10-10 B. Fletcher
19 00403 Sergeant Striker (K. Hogg), Hogg, 5-10-5 ...... —
20 0002 Dryburn (W. Walton), G. Fairbairn, 5-10-4 .... M. Dickinson
21 0004fr Pleasure Seeker (Mrs G. Bull), Bull, 7-10-5 ...... —
24 2 Tudormead (P. Murphy), R. Bower, 7-10-0 .... J. Snaith 7
25 0-04030 Foreign Legion (C. James), James, 5-10-0 ...... G. McNally
27 00p0-42 Miss Milford (R. Ball), C. Boothman, 6-10-0 .... N. Tinkler
28 430000 Young Katie (J. Bowness), W. Atkinson, 7-10-0 ...... —

11-4 Rajmatal, 4-1 The Alickadoo, 9-2 Wrongly Down, 6-1 Blue Comedian, 8-1 Haighway, 10-1 William Penn, 12-1 Dryburn, Sergeant Striker, 20-1 others.

2.0 VICTOR LUDORUM HURDLE (4-y-o: £5,361: 2m)

1 023104 Golden Rifle (O. Kelly), C. Dingwall, 11-9 .... Mr O. Kelly
3 122131 Sweet Joe (D) (M. Ritzenberg), Thomson Jones, 11-9 T. Watkinson
4 112111 Valmony (D) (J. Weller-Poley), D. Morley, 11-9 B. R. Davies
6 112 Gaelic (CD) (C. Young), Denys Smith, 11-4 .. A. Dickman
7 303331 Hunters Gift (D) (J. Duffy), M. O'Toole (Ire), 11-4 D. T. Hughes
8 414 Knaresboro (D) (J. Hanson), Hanson, 11-4 .... A. Bowker
9 12220 Troyswood (D) (J. Dowling), P. Mullins (Ire), 11-4 F. Murphy
10 201000 Tudor Flame (D) (A. Stevens), Stevens, 11-4 M. Simmonite
11 00 Arctic Son (J. Craig), F. Carr, 10-13 ...... M. Blackshaw
13 20202 Balliador (D. Thorne), G. Balding, 10-13 ...... —
14 0 Colens (R. Keel), J. Hardy, 10-13 .... N. Tinkler
16 0 Noble Bay (Mrs H. Joel), G. Harwood, 10-13 .... C. Read

5-4 Valmony, 5-1 Sweet Joe, 6-1 Gaelic, 8-1 Knaresboro, Troyswood, 10-1 Hunters Gift, 20-1 others.

2.30 GREENALL WHITLEY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £5,796: 3m)

3 4f3030 Red Rum (CD) (N. Le Mare), D. McCain, 11-11-13 T. Stack
4 134142 Glanford Brigg (CD) (P. Harper), J. Hardy, 10-11-9 M. Blackshaw
5 22-1112 Drumador (D) (J. Bowness), J. Hardy, 10-11-6 .. N. Tinkler
7 1s37-12 Notification (D) (B. Morgan), M. Tate, 11-11-2 .. R. Evans
8 u-3142 Even Up (D) (N. Whitcomb), Mrs Oughton, 9-11-1 R. Champion
10 2-113f1 Royal Frolic (CD) (Sir E. Hanmer), F. Rimell, 7-10-12 Mr Morshead 3
11 13-0233 Barona (D) (W. Whitbread), R. Armytage, 10-10-6 P. Kelleway

5-2 Even Up, 4-1 Glanford Brigg, 9-2 Drumador, 6-1 Red Rum, 8-1 Notification, Royal Frolic, 10-1 Barona.

3.0 DORMOUSE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £602: 2½m)

2 030232 Southern Lad (D) (H. Leader), W. A. Stephenson, 9-11-5 T. Stack
3 21u240 Sandwilan (D) (M. Spedding), S. Wright, 8-10-5 .... R. Ryett
4 312354 Tudor Abbe (D) (Mrs M. Turner), J. S. Turner, 11-10-1 A. K. Taylor
6 23113f John's Knapp (C) (Mrs W. Leppington), M. Tate, 8-10-0 R. Evans
7 u04430 Barbie's Song (Miss E. Riddell), G. Fairbairn, 7-10-0 M. Dickinson
8 u34 Polar Prince (B. Hughes), D. McCain, 10-10-0 M. Blackshaw

2-1 John's Knapp, 9-4 Southern Lad, 6-1 Tudor Abbe, 8-1 Polar Prince, Sandwilan, 12-1 Barbie's Song.

3.30 ALICE HURDLE (£374: 2m)

1 000400 My Christine (E. Phillips), M. Tate, 5-11-12 .... A. Phillips 7
2 100200 Polo Pam (Mrs V. Powys), D. McCain, 5-11-12 .... T. Stack
3 400020 Broomstone (A. Thomason), M. Naughton, 5-11-7 Mrs Naughton 7
5 001 Prince Ardent (D) (G. Wyse), W. Clay, 4-11-0 .. N. Clay 5
6 000 Aces High (Mrs S. Alston), K. Stapleton, 4-10-9 A. Nightingale 7
9 Cheb's Girl (B. Nicholson), A. Potts, 4-10-9 .. J. Barker 7
10 00 Double Lie (F. Fallon), W. Atkinson, 4-10-9 ...... —
11 Evanavitch (T. Pulling), C. Boothman, 4-10-9 ...... N. Tinkler
13 p004 Mon Cheval (J. Wilcox), L. Barratt, 4-10-9 .... B. R. Davies
16 2000 Pink God (J. Dunthorne), A. Potts, 4-10-9 .... K. Gray
19 0f0 Sorbonne (A. Manning), F. Rimmell, 4-10-9 .. Mr Morshead 3

9-4 Prince Ardent, 7-2 Polo Pam, 5-1 Mon Cheval, 6-1 Broomstone, 8-1 Sorbonne, 10-1 My Christine, 12-1 Pink God, 20-1 others.

4.0 MARCH HARE STEEPLECHASE (Novices' Handicap: £645: 2½m)

1 022332 Birdland (D) (Mrs G. Reeve), M. H. Easterby, 8-11-7 M. Dickinson
3 22s113 Winter Chimes (J. Bowness), J. Hardy, 7-11-0 .. M. Blackshaw
5 023432 Banacheck II (J. Walby), W. A. Stephenson, 6-10-3 .. T. Stack
8 022322 The Barron (C. Barron), Barron, 8-10-0 ...... —
9 2f320f Why Go (Capt J. Wilson), J. Wilson, 6-10-0 .. Mr Cassidy 7
10 p0002 Soul Music (A. Dewsbury), B. Cambidge, 8-10-0 ...... —
13 3pof20 Joint Affair (J. Bower), R. Bower, 7-10-0 .... C. Brown 7
14 0030p- Vertu's Imp (Mrs D. Scott), G. Owen, 8-10-0 .. R. F. Davies

7-4 Banacheck II, 5-2 Birdland, 7-2 Winter Chimes, 6-1 The Barron, 10-1 Soul Music, 20-1 others.

4.30 DUCHESS HURDLE (Handicap: £697: 2m)

1 0 Eastern Love (Mrs E. Dawson), G. Dawson, 8-12-7 .... —
2 021040 Davidson (D) (G. Wyse), W. Clay, 5-11-11 .... N. Clay 5
4 000000 My Hero (G. Greenwood), A. Stevens, 7-11-1 M. Simmonite 7
6 202330 Destiny Hill (D) (R. McAlpine), F. Rimell, 8-10-13 Mr Morshead 3
8 21104- Meldrette (D) (L. Griffiths), Griffiths, 5-10-11 ...... —
10 10-0 Bugle Boy (D) (W. Markham), K. Bridgwater, 5-10-10 A. Mawson
12 424-004 Jisks Farewell (D) (Mrs J. Simpson), Mrs Simpson, 7-10-6 A. Meaney
13 002-0u0 Johnnie Black (D) (J. S. Turner), J. Turner, 7-10-5 A. K. Taylor
14 2p-0p00 High Jump (D) (R. Clarke), M. Tate, 5-10-5 .... R. Evans
17 30-0420 Count Kinure (Mrs D. Trefusis), F. Carr, 6-10-3 M. Blackshaw
18 104033 John Brown (CD) (Mrs D. Richards), D. Richards, 6-10-3 T. Stack
22 000340 Mon Bleu (D) (Mrs M. Boothman), C. Boothman, 10-10-0 —
23 4210- B'ue Town Thanks (D) (Mrs M. Boothman), C. Boothman, 5-10-0 J. Armstrong 5
24 00-0300 Mr Bajangles (D) (A. Corfield), J. Spearing, 6-10-0 ...... —

11-4 John Brown, 7-2 Jisks Farewell, 4-1 Count Kinure, 6-1 Davidson, 8-1 Destiny Hill, 12-1 Meldrette, My Hero, 20-1 others.

Kelso programme

2.15 CRAILING HURDLE (Div I: £306: 2m)

2 0000 Dumyasha, K. Oliver, 5-11-9 .... C. Tinkler
3 10 Kika, W. Forster, 5-11-9 ...... —
6 p0440 Loudon Gay, K. Oliver, 5-11-9 ...... Mr Mackie 7
7 02302 Millhouse Boy, T. Usher, 6-11-9 ...... Mr Butt 7
8 00h00p Nevertheless, J. Barclay, 7-11-9 .... Mr Barclay 5
10 Oyster Eye, K. Oliver, 5-11-9 .... J. Wilkinson 7
14 p0-0000 Thuster, Mrs L. Hamilton, 5-11-9 ...... D. Turnbull 7
15 013043 Weather All (D), Mrs S. Chesmore, 5-11-9 ...... R. Lamb
16 1 Lordel, S. Leadbetter, 4-11-6 .... M. Barnes
17 De Luxe, L. Foster, 4-10-10 .... Mr Foster 7
18 Islander, Ld Kilmany, 4-10-10 .... P. Ennis
19 3440 Our Prince, C. Alexander, 4-10-10 .... Mr Maclaggart
20 030430 Robin John, T. Craig, 4-10-10 .... J. Mooney 7

15-8 Lordel, 11-4 Weather All, 9-2 Robin John, 7-1 Millhouse Boy, 10-1 Loudon Gay, 12-1 Our Prince, 16-1 others.

2.45 CESSFORD STEEPLECHASE (£412: 3m)

3 312uf-p King's Lure (D), G. Richards, 12-13-7 .... Mr G. Macmillan
5 4104-2 The Rebel II (C), Mrs D. Thomson, 12-12-7 ...... Mr Black 7
6 220f2- Bar Haze, J. Love, 7-12-0 .... Mr Love 7
7 f320-f3 Bold Lurcio, J. Wight, 8-12-0 .... Mr O'Neill 7
9 32p-0 Kerman (D), T. Cuthbert, 12-12-0 ...... Mr Eubank 5
10 Khazan, C. Alexander, 8-12-0 .... Mr Maclaggart
11 Vimy Rock, Miss P. Heald, 10-12-0 .... Mr Mackie 7

7-4 King's Lure, 5-2 The Rebel II, 4-1 Bold Lurcio, 6-1 Bar Haze, 8-1 Khazan, 14-1 others.

3.15 MOREBATTLE HURDLE (Handicap: £919: 2½m)

4 130000 Guiscard, Mrs S. Chesmore, 8-11-8 .... D. Atkins
5 104421 Any Second (D), W. Murray, 7-11-8 .... C. Tinkler
7 101042 Caldbeck (C), D. MacDonald, 6-11-4 .... Mr Eubank 5
9 0-02004 Newfoundland, Mrs L. Hamilton, 8-11-4 .... D. Turnbull 7
10 2fpfp3 Devil's Soldier (D), W. Atkinson, 8-10-13 .... P. Mangan
12 0 Brora (C), W. Crawford, 7-10-9 .... R. Lamb
13 03100-p King Midas, G. Richards, 6-10-5 .... D. Goulding
14 42101 Le Gaulois (D), K. Iser, 4-10-5 .... J. O'Neill
16 300013 Whitsuncelli, M. Naughton, 6-10-3 .... M. Barnes
19 0002-34 Proteus Choice (C), G. Robinson, 7-10-0 .... C. Holmes
20 04241-0 San Cathay, J. Barclay, 6-10-0 .... Mr Barclay 5
22 f-00103 Hot Teddy (C), A. Allan, 8-10-0 .... M. Nolan 5

9-4 Any Second, 100-30 Le Gaulois, 9-2 Caldbeck, 13-2 San Cathay, 8-1 Proteus Choice, 10-1 Whitsuncelli, 12-1 Hot Teddy, 16-1 others.

3.45 KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,203: 3m)

3 u1122p Collingwood (CD), M. Naughton, 10-10-11 .... C. Hawkins 7
4 231030 Fly Bye (D), W. A. Stephenson, 9-10-4 .... G. Faulkner 5
5 332142 Hugo Duncan (CD), K. Oliver, 8-10-5 .... R. Lamb
6 312441 Lingus (CD), K. Oliver, 11-10-3 .... C. Tinkler
7 244313 Dunrobin (CD), W. Crawford, 9-10-2 .... M. Barnes
8 3u00-3h Scarfell (CD), Ld Kilmany, 13-10-0 .... J. O'Neill
9 p040 Fort Vulgan, K. Oliver, 8-10-0 .... G. Holmes
10 44400p Sure Jumper, Mrs S. Chesmore, 9-10-0 ...... Mr Barclay 5

5-2 Dunrobin, 7-2 Lingus, 9-2 Collingwood, Hugo Duncan, 13-2 Fly Bye, Scarfell, 16-1 others.

4.15 YETHOLM STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £408: 2m 196yd)

3 040 Bon Bini, J. Barclay, 8-11-1 .... Mr Barclay 5
5 000044 Hello, W. Atkinson, 8-11-1 .... P. Mangan
6 p Moonlight Mistake, W. Crawford, 9-11-1 .... R. Lamb
7 00-f000 Simalliton, W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-1 ...... G. Faulkner 5

Evens Hello, 3-1 Moonlight Mistake, 4-1 Simalliton, 10-1 Bon Bini.

4.45 CRAILING HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £306: 2m)

1 022301 Kingsberry (D), C. Bell, 6-12-5 .... Mr J. Wilson 7
3 00 Alarica, J. Dodds, 5-11-9 .... Mr O'Neill 7
4 00-00 Brown Goose, Mrs Hutchison-Bradburne, 5-11-9 Mr Bradburne 7
5 000000 Clyde Valley, W. Young, 5-11-9 .... L. Sample 7
7 Dark Brig, S. Leadbetter, 5-11-9 .... M. Barnes
8 00-0020 Davett, T. Craig, 7-11-9 .... J. Mooney 7
9 0f00u0 Horn Head, R. Cross, 5-11-9 .... G. Holmes
10 00000f Move Up, W. Murray, 5-11-9 ...... —
11 042304 Sir Christopher, B. Wilkinson, 5-11-9 .... R. Lamb
12 221000 Darling Eve (D), M. Crump, 4-11-6 .... D. Atkins
14 0fp000 Garradise, T. Craig, 4-10-10 ...... —
15 00 Desert Fox, Mrs S. Chesmore, 4-10-10 .... J. O'Neill
16 00 Doonessa, R. Allan, 4-10-10 .... M. Nolan 5
19 0p40 Re-Lock, W. Atkinson, 4-10-10 .... P. Mangan
20 000000 Spring Fling, W. A. Stephenson, 4-10-10 .... R. Collins 5
22 00 Young John, K. Oliver, 4-10-10 .... C. Tinkler

5-4 Kingsberry, 3-1 Davett, 9-2 Sir Christopher, 13-2 Darling Eve, 12-1 Re-Lock, Young John, 20-1 others.

Newbury programme

1.30 WHATCOMBE HURDLE (Novices: Div I: £591: 2m)

101 03-201 Railway Child (T. Nixon), T. Forster, 6-12-0 .. G. Thorner
104 0 Amiability (W. Palmer), Mrs Dingwall, 6-11-7 .... —
106 Happy Date (L. Swaerd), Maj Swaerd, 6-11-7 Mai Swaerd 7
108 0p0-1p Roman Way (T. Crawford), R. Hannon, 6-11-7 .... —
109 Slavetown (Miss H. Knight), T. Forster, 6-11-7 .. V. Soane
110 p00- Swingfire (Mrs M. Bayley), Mrs Kennard, 6-11-7 P. Richards 7
111 4-0 Young Octavius (Ld H. de Walden), F. Winter, 6-11-7 J. Francome
112 2 Caveina (D. Nugent), Nugent, 5-11-4 .... S. Jobar
113 0p-00 Hard Star (A. Madwar), Madwar, 5-11-4 .... Mr Madwar 7
115 00002 Justino (Mrs M. Edwards), D. Barons, 5-11-4 ...... S. May
116 0f Longacre (G. MacDonald), D. Gandolfo, 5-11-4 .. P. Barton
117 0 No Don't (N. James), P. Taylor, 5-11-4 ...... A. Carroll 5
118 Philpardon (Mrs W. Tory), P. Tory, 5-11-4 .... Mr Tory
119 Princely Seal (R. Armytage), Armytage, 5-11-4 .. H. Evans 3
122 Tay Bridge (Mrs A. Gates), R. Head, 5-11-4 .... A. Branford
125 u0 Western Tangle (W. Sleeman), Sleeman, 5-11-4 ...... —

11-4 Caveina, 3-1 Railway Child, 100-30 Young Octavius, 8-1 Justino, 14-1 Longacre, No Don't, 16-1 Happy Date, Tay Bridge, 20-1 others.

2.0 JACK OF NEWBURY STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £1,883: 2½m)

201 1-ff031 Brawny Scot (Mrs F. Corrie), F. Winter, 6-11-8 J. Francome
202 320p01 Easy Runner (Mrs J. Ollivant), Mrs Ollivant, 9-11-8 B. Forsey
203 000420 King Cloud (R. Leach), Leach, 9-11-4 .... K. Barker
204 1-04001 Mr Straight (Miss J. Millar), W. Fisher, 8-11-4 .. B. Brogan
206 040-2f2 Summer Dance (Mrs S. Embiricos), R. Turnell, 9-11-4 A. Turnell

11-10 Brawny Scot, 9-4 Mr Straight, 4-1 Summer Dance, 9-1 Easy Runner, 20-1 King Cloud.

2.30 GEOFFREY GILBEY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £2,934: 2½m)

302 0-01400 Lean Forward (C) (Sir J. Thomson), R. Armytage, 10-11-11 J. Francome
303 0-40412 Zeta's Son (C) (M. Buckley), P. Bailey, 7-11-4 .. R. Barry
305 211324 Vikrom (C) (Mrs J. Craig), F. Winter, 9-11-2 Mr Henderson 5
306 13p311 Black Andrew (D) (Lady C. Spencer-Churchill), F. Walwyn, 8-10-12 .... M. Floyd 7
307 upf020 Last Trick (R. Leach), Leach, 8-10-0 .... K. Barker 7

5-4 Black Andrew, 11-4 Zeta's Son, 9-2 Lean Forward, Vikrom, 25-1 Last Trick.

3.0 CHARLES HIGGINS STEEPLECHASE (£489: 3¼m 82yd)

401 3121f-1 French Colonist (C) (S. Embiricos), Embiricos, 11-12-5 Mr Podger 7
402 22 Into View (Mrs P. Brown), Mrs Pitman, 13-12-5 Mr Smart 7
407 114-113 Nicky Brown (M. Opperman), Opperman, 13-12-0 Mr Opperman 7

6-4 Into View, 13-8 French Colonist, 11-4 Nicky Brown.

3.30 HIGHCLERE HURDLE (4-y-o Novices: £1,717: 2m)

501 342110 Spare Slipper (CD) (Sir H. Nugent), D. Nugent, 11-8 S. Jobar
503 20202 Ballador (D. Thorne), G. Balding, 11-0 ...... —
505 000 Brandenbourg (J. Gaisford), D. Barons, 11-0 .... S. May
506 031 Brig (D) (Mrs P. Mitford-Slade), T. Forster, 11-0 G. Thorner
508 Caddam Wood (Mrs C. Calver), P. Calver, 11-0 .. J. Davies 7
513 2221 Damside (N. Bodge), P. Calver, 11-0 .... R. Barry
514 000000 Dashing Hussar (G. Martin), P. Haslam, 11-0 Mr N. Henderson
517 Final Ford (Mrs D. Moats), D. Barons, 11-0 D. Cartwright
518 Freezing Point (T. Cook), D. Nicholson, 11-0 .. R. Dickin 3
520 0 Golden Rock (P. Green), P. Arthur, 11-0 ...... B. Brogan
521 4 Hayford (W. Sleeman), Sleeman, 11-0 .... —
524 forU James Spencer (R. Leach), Leach, 11-0 ...... K. Barker 7
526 02 Little Catworth (Mrs J. Ceballos), F. Winter, 11-0 J. Francome
527 Lord Toby (K. Girling), R. Sturdy, 11-0 .... —
528 f0 Maria Alexandria (Mrs A. Kalmanson), J. Welch, 11-0 D. Coomer 7
529 0 Maris Piper (S. Hill), R. Hollinshead, 11-0 ...... —
530 Merry Woodville (D Gake), D. Barons, 11-0 .... M. Garrett 7
531 03 Mescalero (G. Steinberg), D. Marks, 11-0 ...... —
533 0 Moonstrike (H. Fanner), P. Haslam, 11-0 ...... A. Branford
535 34 Mr Linnet (Mrs N. McConnell), F. Walwyn, 11-0 W. Smith
537 0 Paddy Maginty (H. Joel), R. Turnell, 11-0 ...... A. Turnell
540 00 Ring of Fire (Mrs M. McCarthy), C. Dingwall, 11-0 D. O'Conovan

5-1 Little Catworth, 5-1 Ballador, 6-1 Spare Slipper, 7-1 Brig, 8-1 Paddy Maginty, 10-1 Mr Linnet, 12-1 Damside, 16-1 Maris Piper, Mescalero, 20-1 Heyford, 25-1 others.

4.0 WHATCOMBE HURDLE (Novices: Div II: £583: 2m)

602 3-00041 Perversity (D) (Mrs D. Bennett), R. Turnell, 6-12-0 A. Turnell
603 -201030 El Menino (D) (Ld Chelsea), C. Bewicke, 5-11-11 R. Barry
604 004231 Flitgrove (D) (Ld Vestey), D. Nicholson, 5-11-11 .. J. King
605 00 Gloss (D. Blackburn), Mrs Lomax, 6-11-7 ...... A. Carroll 5
607 Island Prince (Mrs T. Sainsbury), T. Forster, 6-11-7 G. Thorner
608 0 Owenstar (Mrs H. Gallant), Mrs Oughton, 6-11-7 N. Holman 7
609 000 Seal Flower (Maj R. Dening), R. Dening, 6-11-7 R. Atkins
611 0 Bremner (T. Clyde), P. Bailey, 5-11-4 .... V. Soane
613 02 Firetail (F. Exell), D. Gandolfo, 5-11-4 .... P. Barton
615 Lady Alba (Mrs N. Coombe), Mrs Coombe, 5-11-3 Mr Bown 7

2-1 Perversity, 4-1 Firetail, 5-1 Flitgrove, 11-2 El Menino, 8-1 Gloss, 10-1 Bremner, 12-1 Island Prince, 14-1 others.

Hereford programme

[Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15, 2.45]

1.45 PLAYBOY BOOKMAKERS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £832: 2½m)

1 pp43-11 Even Dawn (D), B. Lunness, 9-12-1 .... C. Young 5
2 333341 Amarind (US) (D), F. Walwyn, 10-11-11 .... K. Mooney 7
7 2f3222 Gay God, D. Pearman, 6-10-6 .... D. T. Evans 3
8 22-3040 Tenspir (D), F. Cundell, 7-10-0 .... M. O'Halloran 7
9 12422f Bright Fergus, Miss D. Guilding, 7-10-0 ...... —
11 p300 Worcester Sauce, T. Price, 9-10-0 ...... —

7-4 Even Dawn, 2-1 Amarind, 9-2 Gay God, 7-1 Tenspir, 12-1 Bright Fergus, 20-1 Worcester Sauce.

2.15 BULMER STRONGBOW HURDLE (Handicap: Novices: £522: 2m)

1 104004 What A Palaver (D), D. Barons, 5-12-0 .... P. Leach 7
2 p01301 Superior Sam (D), F. Rimell, 6-12-5 .... R. O'Donovan 7
4 p0p10 Vatican Express (D), E. Courage, 5-11-5 Mr S. Mosshead 3
5 4240-00 Party Line, H. Poole, 7-11-3 ...... —
7 r42217 Gay Viking (D), M. Tate, 9-11-0 .... R. Mann 7
8 0002p Golden Master, M. Scudamore, 6-10-15 .... J. Suthern
9 010000 Falcons Boy (D), M. Salaman, 5-10-13 .... Mr J. Bowles 7
10 314310 Broomstick, S. Holland, 8-10-12 .... S. Holland
11 423410 Cochineal, J. Taplin, 8-10-11 .... P. Richards 7
15 401100 Mac (D), D. Barons, 4-10-7 ...... —
16 4p-1ep0 Reisrian, R. E. Peacock, 7-10-7 .... S. J. O'Neill 7
17 00-0301 Forget It (D), R. E. Peacock, 6-10-7 .... R. Crank
18 203240 Sandy's Girl, J. Bradley, 4-10-7 .... M. Williams 5
19 1203f0 Sashezmine, E. Roberts, 7-10-7 .... Mr R. Wilding 7
22 003010 Star of Cranford, W. Tanton, 6-10-7 ...... —
23 02340b Sea Picture, F. Gorman, 7-10-7 .... Mr D. Curtis 7
24 2-00300 Glyncollen, A. Jones, 9-10-7 .... P. Steel 5
25 001060 Lyns Legend (D), G. Price, 7-10-7 .... Mr C. Price 7

3-1 Superior Sam, 11-4 Gay Viking, 5-1 Broomstick, 13-2 What A Palaver, 8-1 Cochineal, 10-1 Forget It, 16-1 Mac, 20-1 others.

2.45 KNIGHT, FRANK AND RUTLEY HURDLE (Handicap: Final: £1,234: 2m)

1 322232 Capuchin (D), E. Courage, 7-12-3 .... J. Barlow
2 121002 El Cardo (D), Mrs E. Kennard, 6-11-13 .... P. Richards
4 1121f0 Bremy Boy (D), F. Gorman, 7-11-11 ...... —
5 3-02004 Colman (D), F. Walwyn, 5-11-11 .... K. Mooney
6 3bu-000 Bethphage (D), D. Ancil, 9-11-10 .... T. Fahey
7 1-01b00 Playful Warrior (D), G. Hackling, 9-11-10 .... L. Griffiths
8 300320 Culberge (D), I. Wardle, 5-11-7 .... S. Eccles
9 23210 Blitz (D), A. Jones, 6-11-1 .... P. Steel
10 0-4u331 Arctic John (D), J. Bradley, 6-10-13 .... John M. Williams
11 f03122 Great Freda (D), M. Salaman, 5-10-12 .... R. Mangan
12 143100 Warrenbayne Prince (D), J. Gifford, 6-10-8 .... M. Stanley
13 443030 Bonk (D), M. Bolton, 5-10-8 .... P. Wilson
15 f-0002p Maxilhoeira (D), A. Stevens, 5-10-7 .... S. Little
16 000002 Hanzon (C), F. Rimell, 6-10-5 .... R. O'Donovan
17 341300 Corvib Road (D), A. Arnold, 6-10-15 .... B. Ellison

3-1 Colman, 7-2 Capuchin, 4-1 El Cardo, 11-2 Great Freda, 7-1 Arctic John, 8-1 Hanzon, 12-1 Warrenbayne Prince, 14-1 Culberge, 20-1 others.

3.15 HARRY ISAACS CUP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £578: 3m)

2 0040-0 Lampoon (CD) J. Harris, 12-11-4 ...... —
5 p-20300 Christmas Tree, D. Nicholson, 8-11-1 .... J. Suthern
6 044024 Portacarron (D), G. Owen, 7-11-0 .... R. Mann 7
8 0f033p Captain Clover, A. Stevens, 6-10-11 .... N. Flanagan
9 23f3p0 Evening Witness, T. Healey, 11-10-10 .... Mr N. Brookes 7
10 010000 Lictor, E. Courage, 9-10-10 ...... —
11 02ppf0 Yog, R. Brassey, 8-10-6 ...... —
12 0p-pp04 Ross Royal (CD), J. Peacock, 8-10-1 .... R. Crank
13 u200ff Prince Raynard, J. Gifford, 6-10-0 .... M. Stanley 5
14 232002 Persian Room, J. Harris, 6-10-0 .... D. Sunderland
16 0-00030 Teme Bets, P. Horton, 9-10-0 .... M. Wager

11-4 Persian Room, 3-1 Captain Clover, 9-2 Christmas Tree, 11-2 Portacarron, 8-1 Ross Royal, 10-1 Prince Reynard, Yog, 20-1 others.

3.45 LANDON MEMORIAL HURDLE (£680: 3m)

1 12-4414 Fair Rambler (D), W. Brennan, 7-12-4 .... B. Hannon
2 4 Cartwright, S. Mellor, 7-11-13 .... K. Stone 5
3 00-4340 Royal Tornado, Mrs B. Waring, 8-11-11 .... A. Waring 7
4 p-0f040 Master Blarney, H. Morris, 7-11-8 .... P. Morris

1-2 Fair Rambler, 11-4 Cartwright, 6-1 Royal Tornado, 20-1 Master Blarney.

4.15 BODENHAM STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £408: 2½m)

1 112p-22 Fitz (C), Mrs R. Harty, 10-12-7 .... Mr M. Williams 7
3 f1 Wembdon Hill, Mrs V. Cole, 6-12-7 .... Mr R. Alner 5
4 Cider Apple, W. Adlam, 8-12-0 .... Mr W. Adlam 7
5 Doone Hill, W. Whiteman, 6-12-0 .... Mr M. Whiteman 7
6 0-03f33 Just Jake, V. Bishop, 7-12-0 .... Mr C. Crozier 7
7 00p040- Rockcleare, M. Low, 9-12-0 .... Mr G. Jones
8 p030-0 Summers Dream (CD), J. Matthews, 12-12-0 .. Mr P. Hewitt 7
9 p- Trippleton Honey, A. Lloyd, 8-12-0 .... Mr A. Lloyd 7

11-8 Fitz, 9-4 Wembdon Hill, 4-1 Just Jake, 8-1 Summers Dream, 14-1 Cider Apple, 20-1 others.

Hereford selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.45 EVEN DAWN is specially recommended. 2.15 Gay Viking. 2.45 Arctic John. 3.15 Captain Clover. 3.45 Cartwright. 4.15 Fitz.

Kelso selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.15 Lordel. 2.45 Bold Lurcio. 3.15 Le Gaulois. 3.45 LINGUS is specially recommended. 4.15 Moonlight Mistake. 4.45 Kingsberry.

Stiff task for Red Sun

From Pierre Guillot
French Racing Correspondent
Cagnes-sur-Mer, March 5

With the racing season here drawing to a close, Sunday sees the running of the Blue Riband event, the Grand Prix du Conseil-General des Alpes-Maritimes. English interest in this £11,000 race is provided by John Dunlop's Red Sun, who a week ago won the Prix d'Eze and today came a respectable fourth in the Prix des Anemones.

Dunlop won the Grand Prix in 1974 when My Brief ran out an easy winner, but Red Sun will be hard pressed to complete the double. Among his 16 opponents are last year's second and third, Regis and Be Truthful, the joint topweights who must concede him 7lb. Regis disappointed recently in the Prix d'Annot, but would go close on his best form. Be Truthful showed his well-being with a fluent win in last Sunday's Prix d'Avignon, after, like Regis, being well behind in the Prix d'Annot and, as last year, he will be partnered by Bill Pyers for the trainer in form, Charles Milbank.

Milbank holds a strong hand here and it is significant that Yves Saint-Martin makes the journey to Cagnes to ride his other string, Ravi Tikkoo's Hill Hawk. The Sea Hawk four-year-old was a convincing winner of the Prix d'Annot in February when he had six of Sunday's field behind him.

GRAND PRIX DU CONSEIL-GENERAL DES ALPES-MARITIMES (£11,062: 1⅞m)

10021-0 Regis (J. Teglia), A. Tarifa, 6-9-6 .... P. Longubardo
2101-01 Be Truthful (F. E. Tinsley), C. G. Milbank, 5-9-6 .... W. B. Pyers
014101- Garde Noble (M. Eknayan), S. Boullenger, 5-9-4 ...... A. Perrotta
12140-1 Yanaon (N. Lefranc), G. Lefranc, 5-9-4 .... P. Filippi
30012-0 Carvalin (Mrs M. de Andreis), A. Rossio, 4-9-2 ...... J. Leclet
00000-1 Monde Soyeux (R. Gribu), H. Gleizes, 4-9-2 ...... H. Rusel
010001- Rue de la Paix (Ity) (E. Tagliabue), E. Tagliabue, 4-9-2 J. Massard
021000- Sabbathien (M. Eknayan), S. Boullenger, 4-9-0 ...... P. Paquet
14312-1 Waggish (USA) (A. Bruneteau), A. Bruneteau, 4-9-0 .... J. Forest
21102-1 Hill Hawk (Ire) (R. N. Tikkoo), C. G. Milbank, 4-9-0 Y. Saint-Martin
000-210 Silberwald (Ger) (W. Zeltelhack), Th. Grieper, 3-9-0 .... T. Young
00-2014 Red Sun (Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk), J. L. Dunlop, 4-9-0 R. Hutchinson
00 Rakan (Mrs M. de Andreis), A. Rossio, 7-8-12 .... G. Blanchi
020-404 Irish Star (Ire) (W. Zeltelhack), Th. Grieper, 4-8-12 ...... G. Starkey
30100-1 Last Refrain (USA) (R. Scully), J. Fellows, 4-8-12 .... C. Rivasés
200-023 Etincelbury (J. Dulohri), G. Legrix, 4-8-7 .... P. Dutreche
-000023 Nerd (Mrs G. Saget), L. Flavien, 4-8-7 .... M. Depalmas

5-1 Hill Hawk, Be Truthful (coupled), 4-1 Monde Soyeux, 7-1 Regis, Rakan, Carvalin (coupled), 10-1 Irish Star, Silberwald (coupled), 12-1 Garde Noble, Sabbathien (coupled), 14-1 Red Sun, Yanaon, 16-1 others.

Market Rasen programme

[Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0]

1.30 WILLIAM HILL HURDLE (Handicap: £637: 2¼m)

1 132214 The Bay Turk (CD), S. Palmer, 6-11-11 ...... J. Marshall 5
2 033140 Romany Star (D), A. Bacon, 5-11-6 .... G. Shaw
3 313u40 Eborneezersdouble (C), F. Carr, 7-11-3 ...... A. Houghton 7
4 2103f4 Birdcage Walk (D), T. Kersey, 6-11-0 ...... Mr G. Kersey 7
6 f-03210 Skyjack, Lady Herries, 8-10-12 .... D. Munro
9 242111 Last Attempt (C), B. Richmond, 6-10-1 ...... M. O'Shea 7
10 034000 Gypsy Queen (C), J. Twibell, 6-10-0 ...... R. Lee 7
11 0f-00 King Oak, G. Wallace, 7-10-0 .... Mr J. Kerly 7
12 000-0 Solidus, J. Thorpe, 5-10-0 .... Mr R. Bennett 7
13 00-f030 Strudel (C), B. Richmond, 5-10-0 .... B. Powell 5
14 000000- Shotgun Wedding, R. Redgrave, 5-10-0 ...... —

9-4 Eborneezersdouble, 11-4 The Bay Turk, 4-1 Birdcage Walk, 11-2 Romany Star, 7-1 Last Attempt, 8-1 Skyjack, 12-1 others.

2.0 "COX MOORE" STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,056: 3m)

3 20-pu Stage Struck (CD), C. Bennion, 11-10-12 .... Mr W. Bennion 7
6 334000 Third Redeemer (CD), S. Mellor, 8-10-0 .... J. Glover
7 211210 Burrator (CD), A. Jarvis, 7-10-0 ...... —
8 pp-0002 Irish Special (C), S. Palmer, 11-10-0 ...... J. Marshall 5
10 01-0230 Silberio (C), F. Colon, 6-10-0 .... A. Webb 7
11 0-02024 Sage Merlin, J. Hardy, 8-10-0 ...... —
12 040433 Derravar, B. Richmond, 7-10-0 .... R. Weaver
13 30-430p Dalket, R. Wright, 11-10-0 .... Mr J. Wright 7
11 0-02024 *Sage Merlin, J. Hardy, 8-10-0 ...... —

6-4 Irish Special, 3-1 Burrator, 4-2 Third Redeemer, 8-1 Derravar, 10-1 Stage Struck, Silberio, 20-1 others

2.30 VICTOR LUCAS HURDLE (Novices: £1,133: 3m)

8 ff0320 Double Fault, G. Fairbairn, 7-11-12 .... B. Powell 5
11 22030f Honeymoor, F. Dever, 5-11-7 .... J. Glover
14 00-020 Slonnaigh Bealtina VI, G. Fairbairn, 5-11-7 .... D. Greaves
18 0000 Canger, R. Viberi, 4-11-0 .... P. Blacker
19 0 *Gracemount, P. Felgate, 4-11-0 ...... —
20 4033 Grey Goblin, Lady Herries, 4-11-0 .... D. Munro
22 000 Kilsheelan, P. Bevan, 4-11-0 .... R. Weaver
24 00 The White Seal, P. Felgate, 4-11-0 .... Mr R. J. Wilson 7

5-2 Grey Goblin, 7-2 Double Fault, 6-1 Honeymoor, 7-1 Slonnaigh Bealtina VI, 10-1 Ganger, Kilsheelan, 12-1 The White Seal.

3.0 HALMSHAW STEEPLECHASE (Hunter: £438: 3m)

1 12- Blackthorn Winter (D), Mrs T. Hayward, 13-12-7 Capt W. Bulwer Long 7
4 00b111- Mullacrew, L. Kirkby, 7-12-7 ...... —
5 341b-34 Skygazer (D), G. Cunard, 13-12-7 ...... Mr P. Greenall
6 0b00p0- Another Round, L. Parry, 11-12-0 .... Mr L. Parry 7
9 44432-0 My Suki, E. Wilson, 9-12-0 .... Mr W. Bennion 7
11 p4 Fair Gleam, C. Pinney, 7-11-9 .... Mrs J. Stamp 7
13 0 Moment's Folly, J. Hall, 9-11-9 .... Mr G. Pickering 7
15 f0 Streaky Bacon, J. Emerson, 9-11-9 .... Mr A. Berry 7

11-4 Mullacrew, 7-2 Blackthorn Winter, 4-1 Skygazer, 6-1 My Suki, 8-1 Fair Gleam, 10-1 Streaky Bacon, 16-1 Another Round, Moment's Folly

3.30 LODGE HURDLE (Novices: £340: 2m)

3 041 Skerne, M. Camacho, 5-12-0 .... D. Greaves
8 p00000 Easy Come, J. Smith, 7-11-12 .... Mr G. McCourt 7
9 000034 Footman, Lady Herries, 6-11-12 .... D. Munro
11 0-04000 Hamadan, P. Green, 7-11-12 .... H. J. Evans 5
12 p0p Hoober Bracken, T. Kersey, 8-11-12 .... Mr G. Kersey 7
15 000 Fryours, P. Buckley, 5-11-7 .... M. Murphy 7
22 440020 Gusty Somers, B. Richmond, 5-11-7 .... D. Rickells 7
23 0003 Harwell Banquet, S. Brockshaw, 5-11-7 .... J. Glover
24 00-0p Humby Wood, D. Adcock, 5-11-7 ...... —
27 403022 Nells Son, A. Jarvis, 5-11-7 ...... —
28 0 Nosreme, J. Emerson, 5-11-7 .... Mr A. Berry 7

11-8 Skerne, 100-30 Nells Son, 11-2 Footman, 7-1 Gusty Somers, 10-1 Harwell Banquet, Hamadan, 14-1 others.

4.0 MARCH STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £663: 2m)

2 b2f4u2 Coole Abbey (CD), A. Jarvis, 7-11-7 ...... —
3 0-00400 Another Fred, Lady Herries, 7-11-2 .... D. Munro
4 f Dudley, P. Smith, 9-11-2 ...... —
5 430-30u Flameira, R. Bennett, 8-11-2 .... Mr R. Bennett 7
6 0004- Harnessed Lad, J. Leigh, 7-11-2 .... D. Nolan
7 0004u0 Joint Endeavour, A. Fisher, 7-11-2 ...... —
10 Nicky Royal, W. Stephenson, 6-11-2 ...... —
11 0ff-0u3 Normanton, S. Palmer, 7-11-2 .... M. Lowry 7
12 p000 Orgone, R. Wright, 9-11-2 .... Mr J. Wright 7
13 400f0u Oscar Lad, S. Smith, 10-11-2 .... Peter Brogan
15 f Rostrum, G. Wallace, 6-11-2 .... Mr J. Kerly 7
16 411120 Spring Life, W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-2 .... Mr P. Greenall
17 Tonby Lady, G. Wallace, 5-11-2 .... R. Weaver

9-4 Coole Abbey, 11-4 Spring Life, 9-2 Normanton, 8-1 Another Fred, 10-1 Harnessed Lad, Oscar Lad, 14-1 Joint Endeavour, 20-1 others.
*Doubtful runner

Newbury selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

1.30 Young Octavius. 2.0 Brawny Scot. 2.30 BLACK ANDREW is specially recommended. 3.0 French Colonist. 3.30 Little Catworth. 4.0 Perversity.

Haydock Park selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.30 The Alickadoo. 2.0 Valmony. 2.30 Even Up. 3.0 SOUTHERN LAD is specially recommended. 3.30 Prince Ardent. 4.0 Banacheck II. 4.30 John Brown.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Sweet Joe.

Market Rasen selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.30 The Bay Turk. 2.0 Irish Special. 2.30 Grey Goblin. 3.0 Blackthorn Winter. 3.30 SKERNE is specially recommended. 4.0 Coole Abbey.

Haydock Park results

1.45: 1, Timbo (evens fav); 2, Fare Up (7-2); 3, High Hatter (19-2). 8 ran. Astensure did not run.
2.15: 1, Brilliant Boy (4-5 fav); 2, Raise Your Hat (9-4); 3, Isleamrada (14-1). 4 ran. Doldy did not run.
2.45: 1, Royal Huntress (11-1); 2, Donnison (15-2); 3, Clever Prince (15-2). 18 ran. Abbey Inn did not run.
3.15: 1, Teddy Bear II (25-1); 2, Emperor's Jade (11-4); 3, Sunny Chief (6-1). 6 ran.
3.45: 1, Return Sale (14-1); 2, Count Varano (16-1); 3, Wild Affair (16-1). 10 ran. Volition was withdrawn.
4.15: 1, Current Magic (5-4 fav); 2, Tommy Joe (11-4); 3, Dolben Lass (100-30). 5 ran. L'Aiglon, Andy Scott, Victor's Slave did not run.

Ludlow

2.15: 1, Limner (8-1); 2, Mr Fruit (16-1); 3, Lucky Pal (25-1). 9 ran.
2.45: 1, Tex (11-10); 2, Menehall (4-5 fav); 3, Philliddon (15-1). 3 ran.
3.15: 1, Fishermans Cot (5-1); 2, Bucks Fizz (7-1); 3, Westgate Falcon (9-2). 11 ran.
3.45: 1, Kellys Hero (8-1); 2, Cherry Blosso (5-4 fav); 3, Mr Silver (2-1). 8 ran.
4.15: 1, Golden Batman (5-1); 2, Gay Kildare (13-8 fav); 3, Blenfau (9-2). 5 ran.
4.45: 1, First Break (4-5 fav); 2, Yrrah Lass (6-1); 3, Tranby (6-1). 10 ran.

Newbury

2.0: 1, Mister Tadpole (10-1); 2, The Snipe (9-2); 3, Sea Tale (7-1). 12 ran.
2.30: 1, Astive (10-1); 2, Space Project (10-1); 3, Dulwich (12-1). 14 ran.
3.0: 1, Linsky (4-1 fav); 2, Virginia Drive (6-1); 3, Singlet (14-1). 13 ran.
3.30: 1, King Kong (5-4); 2, Buckingham (8-1). 3 ran.
4.0: 1, The Bishop (11-4); 2, Kildagin (25-1); 3, Queen's Treasure (8-1). 9 ran.
4.30: 1, Just for Sure (7-2); 2, Willow Hound (100-30); 3, Ashendene (3-1 jt fav). 7 ran.

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Three views of the New World

by Hugh Honour





The first attempt at ethnological classification was made in a book on missionary policy by the Spanish Jesuit Jose de Acosta, written in Peru in 1576-77. According to Acosta there were three types of "barbarian", arranged hierarchically: first those who are literate, like the Chinese and Japanese; then those, like the Mexicans and Peruvians, who live in stable settlements with organized governments and religion; and finally the "savages", subdivided between those with the rudiments of organized life and those who live like wild beasts. With this scheme he adumbrated an evolutionary process from savagery through two degrees of barbarism to civilization—European, of course.

Acosta's aim was to demonstrate that each of his three types of barbarian called for a different approach by the European missionaries. But his book provided a convenient basic system of categorization which was to survive little altered until the development of scientific ethnography in the nineteenth century and indeed still persists to this day. It also suggested that all were worthy of study for the light they might shed on the ascent of man and the early development of civilized societies. And it was probably due to Acosta's influence that Europeans began in the early seventeenth century to study the primitive peoples of America more objectively and analytically than before. The most remarkable instance of this in the visual arts is Albert Eckhout's series of life-size portraits of Brazilians.

Eckhout was one of the artists employed by Maurits of Nassau in Brazil in the early 1640s. Accuracy was his aim and he depicted the Tapuya in exactly the same painstaking way as he did the strange exotic plants among which they stand and the various indigenous animals and reptiles which appear in the foregrounds. The weapons borne by the men and the baskets carried by the women are rendered with meticulous fidelity. And if the single figures stand in postures akin to the traditional in European portraiture, his enormous painting of a group of dancing warriors has no precedent of any kind. In this truly extraordinary work he broke completely free from all formal and other conventions or stereotypes and succeeded in conveying a vivid and accurate impression of those gestures as well as the frantic rhythm of the war dance. Cannibalism, relegated to its proper place, is indicated by Eckhout almost casually, as a mere incident in Brazilian life. Not until one looks closely at his picture of a woman crossing a stream does one notice that she is holding a severed forearm while a human foot sticks out of the neatly woven basket suspended from her head. To his, or more probably to Count Maurits's, interest in racialism are due the paintings of people of mixed blood who were already very numerous in Brazil—a black woman with her mulatto son and an elegant mestiza dressed in an ample silken gown and carrying a basket of flowers on her head, presumably the daughter of one of the many Portuguese settlers who took Indian wives.

But these pictures were, perhaps, too frankly and disturbingly objective to have much success in Europe. When Eckhout's Brazilian paintings were used for the *Les Indes* tapestries woven at the Gobelins later in the century, not one of his Brazilian figures was included in them. Despite the sudden growth of interest in ethnology, Europeans clung tenaciously to earlier conceptions of the Indian. Very shortly after Eckhout's Brazilian venture a marine painter, Bonaventura Peeters, began incorporating Indians with feather headdresses and skirts disporting themselves with parrots on the rocky coves and inlets of his imaginary America. They seem to have strayed out of some court masque—or to be welcoming newcomers to some exotic Cythera. Like contemporary allegories of America, these are purely conventional figures. But they corresponded more closely to the accepted European vision of the Indians than did Eckhout's unblinking glimpses of the reality.

● Tiepolo's first conception of the American theme was realized on the great staircase ceiling of the Residenz in Würzburg, completed in 1753. His patron, the Prince-Bishop Carl Philipp von Greiffenklau, was probably influenced, in commissioning this vast fresco, by the staircase ceiling by Johann Rudolg Byss in near by Schloss Pommersfelden, where the four continents pay homage to the Elector Lothar Franz von Schönborn and his little army. Similarly at Würzburg, the ostensible subject of the ceiling is the fame of the Prince-Bishop, trumpeted to the gods on Olympus and the inhabitants of the four corners of the earth. However, this rather unpromising programme provided no more than a starting point for Tiepolo's sumptuously magnificent vision of the world which has more to do with "Enlightenment" than with the supposed fame of a petty Prince-Bishop. It is, of course, a completely Europocentric view. Africa, Asia, and America yield their treasures for the benefit of Europeans who alone practice the civilized arts of music, painting, sculpture, and architecture. America appears in her by now accepted guise, though slightly more robustly voluptuous than usual, with multicoloured feathers in her hair, gold earrings and pendants, a bow strung across her shoulder, seated on a gigantic alligator with a brocade saddle. There are stags and a parrot, a bundle of brazilwood, and a cornucopia with an abundance of exotic fruits. To the right a man turns a shapeless piece of meat on a spit—perhaps a discreet reference to the cannibal scene which had been usual in sixteenth-century allegories but would have introduced an incongruous note into this best of all possible worlds (though there are, near by, some inconspicuous severed heads pierced by arrows). Two details deserve comment. One is the banner which seems to have been inspired by Mexican featherwork. The other is the oursize cup, presumably of chocolate—at that time one of the most highly prized of American products—which a pageboy is bringing to America herself. But Tiepolo was not, of course, attempting to provide a painted geography lesson and several elements in his picture of the New World belong properly to the Old. Of the figures on her left one is of a distinctly Mongolian cast, with a tall helmet; another wears a turban. The crescent of Islam mysteriously appears above a parasol near the featherwork banner. There are Italian cypresses and stone pines in the distance and the pageboy wears a sixteenth-century Venetian livery. Moreover, figures with Amerindian feathered headdresses peep out from behind the main groups representing Asia and Africa. For to Tiepolo at this date the whole world outside Europe—one might almost say outside Venice—appeared so colourfully exotic that he could hardly take it seriously.

After completing the Würzburg staircase ceiling fresco in 1753, Tiepolo returned to the theme of America in his vast ceiling fresco of the world paying homage to Spain above the throne room of the Royal Palace in Madrid, completed in 1764. As a visual image of America this is of much greater interest than that at Würzburg. The conventional allegorical figure of the continent is given a place of minor importance, the corner of the ceiling devoted to America being dominated, instead, by the ship of Columbus with the explorer on board. In his preliminary sketch Tiepolo had shown Columbus standing on a disproportionately small ship with a high poop. In the finished work he changed this perhaps yielding to official Spanish pressure—showing him from the front, looking upward towards the personification of Spain in the centre of the ceiling, standing on his long low ship which merges into a group of Neptune and his court (an emblem of Spanish rule over the seas). With both hands he indicates the cargo which he is bringing from the New World to the Old—mysterious bales and crates, a large catlike animal on a chain (perhaps a jaguar or puma), and the ubiquitous dead alligator. There are also savages, some merely conventional figures with feathers in their hair but also including the figure of a manacled slave who buries his head in his arms on the gunwhale in an attitude of despair—the very image of the noble, innocent, and defenceless but exploited Indian on whose behalf so many Spanish missionaries and government officials had striven against the colonists. Introducing an unexpected note of sensibility into the political apotheosis, he provides a poignant reminder of notions about American Indians contemporary with but very different from gaily elegant Rococo allegories.

● In October, 1872, Edgar Degas, sailed for the United States. He had been unwell and needed a change of scene, so took the opportunity of going to visit his relations in New Orleans where his mother had been born and his uncle, Michel Musson, was a prosperous cotton merchant. Two of his brothers, René (who had married Musson's daughter) and Achille, were also in business there, and Edgar Degas travelled with the latter who had been on a trip to France. With this family connexion, he must have crossed the Atlantic unusually well prepared for what he would find, and his letters reveal that he was not disappointed. He was impressed by the traffic in New York harbour, "where steamers from Europe arrive like buses at a station", and—unlike most Europeans—by the sleeping cars on the railroad which took him south. In colourful New Orleans "everything attracts me", he wrote—the orange gardens and the painted houses, beautiful dark-skinned women, behind their half-open shutters, "old women in their ample Madras peignoirs going to the market", "children all in white and so snow-white when cradled in black arms", "Negresses either in white mansions with fluted columns or in orange gardens; ladies in muslin in front of their little houses, steamboats with two funnels as high as factory chimneys; and the fruit dealers with the shops chock-full; and the contrast between the busy, so well arranged offices and this immense black animal force, etc, etc—And the pretty purebred women, the charming quadroons, and the well built Negresses!" But, as an artist, such subjects were not for him, and he said he would "leave them all without regret". They might serve such a specialist in exoticism as Biard, he wrote, and "Manet would see lovely things here, even more than I do", but even "he would not make any more of them. One loves and gives art only to those things to which one is accustomed. New things capture your fancy and bore you by turns". Nevertheless, the few paintings he did in New Orleans are by far the most beautiful and memorable ever made of life in the United States—albeit they are of a limited and perhaps rather special view, that of the enclosed and still predominantly French society in New Orleans.

"One does nothing here", he wrote soon after he arrived; "it lies in the climate." And a somewhat sultry atmosphere of Southern gentility hangs over his New Orleans portraits. Nothing stirs in the lethargic noonride as his blind cousin and sister-in-law Mme René de Gas with her full-blown figure sits pensively on a wide soft sofa. A family friend, dark-haired and sleepy-eyed, lolls behind a table, her limp glove lying by a vase which holds the lank drooping leaves and heavy voluptuous flowers of an exotic plant. In an enclosed Southern garden, hot and dusty even in the late fall, children play idly and quietly in the doorway to the house. Life seems to be pleasantly easygoing even in Michel Musson's business premises where he examines a specimen of cotton with an abstracted air. Achille de Gas is shown in the centre, absorbed in the local newspaper while René leans against a window in the outer office. Here there is no suggestion of the frantic bustle popularly associated with commercial life in America, nor is there any hint of the problems confronting the cotton industry in those difficult post-bellum years. This apparently inconsequential composition (which was, in fact, most carefully devised, with several preliminary sketches) gives an impression of comfortable, even lackadaisical, prosperity—society cushioned on bales of white cotton.

After he returned to Europe in the spring of 1873, Degas is said to have remarked that his voyage had been almost useless, though he showed two of his New Orleans pictures in the second Impressionist exhibition of 1876—*The Cotton Office*, which was bought by the Museum of Pau, and *The Courtyard of a House*, which can no longer be traced. He was never to make a second visit. Nor did any other European artist of comparable ability go to the United States in the nineteenth century. This may seem surprising in view of the important part that American collectors had already begun to play as patrons of European and especially French art. But their attention was directed to London and Paris by the same cultural currents which drove Whistler and Sargent across the Atlantic. Generally, those who wanted paintings of their homeland were those who also wished to encourage the American school: admirers of European artists were usually enamoured of the European scene. And among Europeans, the belief still prevailed that the United States offered little subject matter for the artist. In the late nineteenth century their vision continued to be fed mainly by the prints in periodicals which illustrated whatever was topically newsworthy, presenting America as a land of swift material progress, the Golden Land still of opportunity but rent with the violence of strikes, robberies, and lynchings.

Above right: Albert Eckhout's Brazilian Woman and Child, 1641
Above left: Tiepolo's America, 1753, a section of the ceiling of the Würzburg Residenz
Below: Degas's The Cotton Office, New Orleans, 1872-73



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Today 6 Mar. 7.30 p.m.	EVELYNE BRANCART piano; Liesl Stary Artists Management	Beethoven: Sonata in C, Op. 53 "Waldstein" Bartok: Sonata (1926) Dutilleux: Choral et Variations Chopin: Etudes Op.10, No. 1 & Op.25 No. 3 Etudes by Liszt, Scriabine, Stravinsky, etc.
Sunday 7 Mar. 3 p.m.	MARGALIT VOGEL piano; Jane Gray	Bach: Toccata in C minor Schubert: Drei Klavierstücke, Op. Posth. D.946 Bach: Partita No. 4 in D
Monday 8 Mar. 7.30 p.m.	JACK WINEROCK American pianist; Choveaux Management	Reinagle: Sonata 3 (1st Lond. perf) Beethoven: Sonata Op. 109 Griffes: Sonata Gershwin: 3 Preludes
Tuesday 9 Mar. 7.30 p.m.	GILLIAN SPRAGG piano; Young Musicians Series New Era Int. Concerts	Beethoven: Sonata in A Op. 2, No 2 Schumann: Waldszenen Op. 82 Brahms: Piano Pieces Op. 118 Prokofieff: Scherzo Op. 52 No. 6
Wednesday 10 Mar. 7.30 p.m.	STEPHAN DEAK viola and violin BRUNO RAIKIN piano; Choveaux Management	Brahms: Sonata Op. 102/2 Berkeley: 3 Pieces for viola (1st perf). Beethoven: Sonata Op. 23 Bartok: First Rhapsody Schubert: Wanderer Fantaisie for piano
Thursday 11 Mar 7.30 p.m.	TAYLOR STRING QUARTET Morris Taylor piano; Helen Jennings Concert Agency	Mozart: Quartet No. 19 in C K.465 Debussy: Quartet Op. 10 Schumann: Piano Quintet in E flat Op. 44
Friday 12 Mar 7.30 p.m.	ATAR ARAD viola EVELYNE BRANCART piano; Liesl Stary Artists Management	Bach: Sonata in G minor Stravinsky: Elegie for solo viola Hindemith: Sonata Op. 11, No. 4 Vieuxtemps: Sonata, B flat/Capriccio 9 Paganini: Sonata per la Grand
Sunday 14 Mar. 7.30 p.m.	CAMUSICA Dir: James Anderson & Martin Farrar	Chamber music from 17th century Flanders and Italy for cornett, bass viol, flutes, recorders, cittern, baroque violin, harpsichords, virginals and soprano voice.
Monday 15 Mar. 7.30 p.m.	KEIKO TOKUNAGA Japanese pianist; Japanese-British Music Association	Mozart: Sonata in B flat K.333 Beethoven: Sonata in D Op. 10, No 3 Chopin: Ballade in F minor Op. 52 Messiaen: Two Preludes Scriabin: Sonata Fantasy, Op. 19
Wednesday 17 Mar. 7.30 p.m.	SUZANNE RAMON cello PIERRE PRADIER piano; Helen Jennings Concert Agency	Brahms: Sonata in E minor Op. 38 Franck: Sonata in A Shostakovich: Sonata in D minor Op. 40
Thursday 18 Mar. 7.30 p.m.	KATHLEEN LIVINGSTONE soprano Simon Nicholls piano; National Federation of Music Societies	1975 NFMS Award Winner's Recital Mozart—Arias. Songs by Wolf, Granados, Rodrigo, Anthony Hewitt: Continuum III (1st perf.). Debussy: Ariettes oubliées.
Friday 19 Mar. 7.30 p.m.	ANTOINE GOULARD violin GENEVIEVE MARTIGNY piano; New Era Int. Concerts	Handel: Sonata in E Op. 1, No. 15 Schubert: Sonata in A Op. 162 (D.574) Brahms: Scherzo in C minor Bloch: Sonata No. 1

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1 THE MASTER GUNFIGHTER (AA). Sep. progs. 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Late show Sat. 11.0 p.m.
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4 AL PACINO in DOG DAY AFTERNOON (X). Cont progs. 2.15, 5.00, 7.50. Late show Sat. 11.00 p.m.

[Bro]adcasting Saturday

...d there. 2nd House recalls a pre-war, nationwide ...an arts project (BBC2 9.55). A Canadian production ...bers Ivor Novello (BBC2 8.55). Surfing from Hawaii ...0) and indoor athletics from Leningrad (ITV 3.10) offer ...ts in sport. Pebble Mill starts a night shift of chat and ...eer (BBC1 11.30).—L.B.

...Bagpuss. 9.15, Devlin. ...ichards. 10.00, Play ...25, On the Move. 10.35, ...00, The Little House on ... 11.50, Bugs Bunny. ...rel and Hardy.* 12.30 ...stand. 12.35, Football ... 1.40, Indoor Hockey; ...2.20, Racing from Haydock; ... World Figure-Skating ...ships; 2.40, Rugby, ...rance; and 4.30, England ... highlights. 4.45, Final ...5, Disney's The Mouse
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Catch '76. 10.00, Parents' ...5, Big Blue Marble. 10.50, ... See. 10.55, The Geordie ...20, Gus Honeybun. 11.35, ...he Apes. 12.30 pm, London. ...e 1999. 6.15, New Faces. ...of the Century. 7.45, Film: ...Man, with Burt Lancaster. ...ence, Gilbert Roland. 9.30, ...1.45, Police Surgeon. 12.10 ...or Life.

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... London. 9.50, Checkmate. ...mmy Hamster. 10.30, Bald... 10.45, Rainbow Country. ...pperboard. 11.35, Born Free. ... London. 5.30, The Flint... ...00, London. 7.45, Film: ...of the Queen, with Robert ...rid Hedison. 9.30, London. ...ssell Harty. 12.35 am, At the Day.

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Catch '76. 10.00, Parents' ...25, Opportunity. 10.30, The ...UNCLE. 12.00, Indoor League. ...30 pm, London. 5.30, New ...30, Celebrity Squares. 7.15, ...Do You Do? 7.45, Film. ...s of the Queen. 9.30, London. ...45, The Collaborators. 12.40 ...gue.

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...m, Kitchen Garden. 11.00, ...Hamster. 11.30, Sesame Street. ..., London. 7.00, Sale of the ... 7.30, Film: Von Ryan's ...with Frank Sinatra, Trevor ... 9.30, London. 11.45-12.15 ...Protectors.

BBC 2
7.40 am, Open University: Foundation Maths; 8.05, The Historian at Work; 8.30, Pure Maths; 8.55, Computer Terminal—ASR33; 9.20, The Relevance of Sociology; 9.45, Cell Membrane Structure; 10.10, Personality and Learning; 10.35, Maths; 11.00, From Time to Time; 11.25, Twentieth-century Poetry; 11.50, North Sea Oil; 12.15 pm, Food Prices and Farmers; 12.40, Man-powered Flight (1); 1.05, Baroque Stringed Instruments; 1.30, Invertebrate Nervous System. 1.55, Westminster. 2.25, Play Away. 2.55, Rugby: England v Ireland. 4.30, Film: The Proud Ones (1956), with Robert Ryan, Virginia Mayo, Jeffrey Hunter. 6.00, Money Programme: The Wealth of Nations. 6.45, Open Door: British Campaign to Stop Immigration.
7.15 News.
7.25 Rugby: Wales v France and England v Ireland, highlights.
8.05 Our Mutual Friend, part 1.
8.55 The World of Ivor Novello.
9.55 2nd House: The Works Progress Administration of the United States.
10.55 Open Door: Society, Religion and Technology Project, Scotland.
11.25 News.
11.30-12.55 am, Film: Eight O'clock Walk (1953), with Richard Attenborough.*

Yorkshire
9.30 am, Catch '76. 9.55, Parents' Day. 10.25, Man from U N C L E. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30, London. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Celebrity Squares. 7.15, Now Who Do You Do? 7.45, Film: Adventures of the Queen. 9.30, London. 11.45-12.40, The Collaborators.

Border
9.30 am, Catch '76. 10.00, Parents' Day. 10.30, Man from U N C L E. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Border Sports Results. 5.20, Cartoon. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Celebrity Squares. 7.15, Now Who Do You Do? 7.45, Adventures of the Queen, with Robert Stack, David Hedison. 9.30-11.45, London.

Grampian
10.35 am, Film: Rogues of Sherwood Forest, with John Derek, George Macready. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Celebrity Squares. 7.15, Now Who Do You Do? 7.45, Film: Adventures of the Queen, with Robert Stack, David Hedison. 9.30, London. 11.45, Prayers.

London Weekend
9.00 am, Catch '76. 9.25, Parents' Day. 9.45, Saturday Scene. 9.50, The Beachcombers. 10.20, Fantastic Voyage. 10.45, Junior Police Five. 11.00, Run, Joe, Run! 11.30, Space 1999. 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.00, Surfing: Hawaiian Masters Championship. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV Seven: 1.30, Market Rasen; 1.45, Hereford; 2.00, Market Rasen; 2.15, Hereford; 2.30, Market Rasen; 2.45, Hereford; 3.00, Market Rasen. 3.10, Indoor Athletics: USSR v US. 3.50, Half-time Round-up. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service.
5.05 News.
5.15 Cartoons.
5.30 Supersonic.
6.00 New Faces.
7.00 Celebrity Squares.
7.45 Hawaii Five-O.
9.30 The Best of Upstairs, Downstairs.
10.30 News.
10.45 International Pop Proms.
11.45 Film: Cover Girl Killer (1957), with Harry H. Corbett, Felicity Young, Christina Gregg.*
12.40 Crime, Gentlemen, Please.

ATV
9.15 am, Plain Sailing. 9.40, Parents' Day. 10.10, Tiswas. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Return to the Planet of the Apes. 5.45, New Faces. 6.45, Six Million Dollar Man. 7.45, Film: Cactus Flower, with Walter Matthau, Ingrid Bergman, Goldie Hawn. 9.30, London. 11.30, ATV Today Pick of the Week.

Southern
9.15 am, Catch '76. 9.40, ATV. 10.10, Kitchen Garden. 10.37, Weather. 10.40, Porky Pig and Daffy Duck. 10.50, Supersonic. 11.20, Fantastic Voyage. 11.45, Rainbow Country. 12.15 pm, Southsport. 12.30, London. 5.15, ATV. 5.35, Candid Camera Classics. 6.05, The Magician. 7.00, London. 7.45, Film: Hell on Frisco Bay (1956), with Alan Ladd, Joanne Dru, Edward G. Robinson. 9.30, London. 11.45, Southern News. 11.50, Bygones. 12.20 am, Weather. Bygones.

Scottish
9.30 am, Catch '76. 9.55, Parents' Day. 10.30, Ski-ing with Gina. 10.55, Felix the Cat. 11.10, Animated Classics, Count of Monte Cristo. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Aquaman. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Now Who Do You Do? 7.00, London. 7.45, Film: The Texican, with Audie Murphy, Broderick Crawford, Diana Lorys. 9.30, London. 11.45, Late Call. 11.50-12.45 am, Police Story.

Radio
1
5.00 am, News. Tom Edwards.† 8.03, Racing bulletin. 8.06, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Rosko. 1.00 pm, Lonnie Donegan's Top Twelve.† 2.00, Alan Freeman.† 5.00, Paul Gambaccini.† 6.30, Gallagher and Lyle. Sailor.† 7.30, South Bank Pops Concert.† 10.02, Europe '76 Spain.† 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.05, Alan Dell.† 12.31-12.33 am, News.
† Stereo.

2
6.00 am, Radio 1. 10.02, Charlie Chester.† 12.02 pm, Two's Best.† 1.02, The Family Brandon (1500m). 1.30-5.55, Sport (1500m), including: South African Grand Prix: Cup-Tie Special; Rugby, Wales v France, England v Ireland; Racing from Haydock. 5.00, Sports Report. 6.03, Star Sound (1500m). 7.02, Steptoe and Son (1500m). 7.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3
8.00 am, News. 8.05, The Young Idea.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Record Review.† 10.15, Robert Mayer Concert: Copland, Sousa, Ives, arr Copland, Gunther Schuller, Bernstein.† 11.35, Beethoven: Octet in E Flat.† 12.02 pm, Robin Ray.† 12.55, News. 1.00, Foreign Press Review. 1.15, Berg and Mozart.† 2.15, Man of Action: Dr Alan Burg.† 3.35, Prokofiev, Beethoven.† 5.00, Jazz Record Requests.† 5.45, Classical Guitar Recital.† 6.55, Critics' Forum. 7.45, Itzhak Perlman (violin): Wieniawski, Scott Joplin, transc Perlman, Bazzini.† 8.00, Rosmonda d'Inghilterra, opera by Donizetti: Act 1.† 9.15, Talk. 9.30, Rosmonda d'Inghilterra: Act 2.† 10.50, Play: Backlog by Joe Richards. 11.05, Nicanor Zabaleta (harp): Fauré, Tournier, Bacarisse.† 11.25-11.30, News.

4
6.30 am, News. 6.32, Farming. 6.50, Outlook. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.10, On Your Farm. 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Outlook. 7.50, Today. 8.00, News and more of Today. 8.50, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 9.30, The Week in Westminster. 10.00, News. 10.02, The Weekly World. 10.15, Service. 10.30, Pick of the Week. 11.30, Science Now. 12.00, News. 12.02pm, Radio 3. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.15, Any Questions? 2.00, Weekend. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: Crossed Line. 3.35, Radio 3. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Robert Robinson. 7.00, News. 7.02, Desert Island Discs. 7.30, Richard Baker. 8.30, Play: The World Turned Upside Down. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, A Word in Edgeways. 11.00, Prayers. 11.15-11.38, News. 11.45-11.48, Inshore Forecast.

BBC Radio London, local and national news, entertainment, sport, music. 94.9 VHF, 206 M.

London Broadcasting, news and information station. 97.3 VHF. 261 M.

Capital Radio, 24-hour music, news and features station. 95.8 VHF. 194 M.

Radio

Political candour

Broadcasting in general has not been very kind to politicians, not so much, I think, out of natural ill-will (which is how it is occasionally interpreted) as out of an incompatibility between the style of political communication as traditionally practised and the tone of speech which is acceptable between a man and his loudspeaker.

Two examples come to mind: a while ago Eric Heffer and Michael Clayton (Editor of *Horse and Hound*) were parties to a *Woman's Hour* discussion on blood sports, in the course of which Mr Heffer managed to plant the suspicion that the organized pursuit of foxes and the organized extermination of one's fellow human beings might not be a thousand miles apart. Ah well, we are all familiar with that ploy as one of the recognized throws and breakfalls of the debating chamber; in the more intimate atmosphere, however, of radio discussion it does not quite go down—even suggesting to the listener rather strongly that the man who uses it has difficulty telling unconnected things apart.

The other example occurred during Harold Wilson's *Analysis* interview with Ian McIntyre. Here on more than one occasion the Prime Minister prefaced his reply to a question inviting criticism of other people with the insistence: You have asked me this. In other words: Had you not done so, I would not have wished to raise the matter. Again the ploy may serve as an insurance policy in public argument, but this—despite the mass of listeners—is not a public argument in that sense. It is experienced by innumerable tiny groups who take what they hear to a considerable extent in the context of the home. And what do you conclude about the man who, sitting in the next armchair, begins his answer to your question with: Well, you're the one who's asked me that?

It is utterances of this kind, repeated over and over by people of all political persuasions, which make one wish to cry a plague on every house in sight; and it is the contrast between them and the whole approach of a programme such as *A Question of Public Expenditure* which makes one particularly grateful to its presenter, Rudolf Klein, and his producer, Anthony Moncrieff. What distinguished their work from the overwhelming mass of current affairs investigations was in part the extent to which its contributors (predominantly politicians) set aside considerations of party—though not necessarily of political belief—in order to examine one aspect of our present economic difficulties.

The examination was conducted with particular reference to the way in which political decisions—chiefly those of expenditure—are made and undoubtedly this was the other factor which gave the programme its distinction. I suppose many people must have assumed that decisions in politics are not absolutely different from decisions made in private life; that in truth they are not made at all—they happen. Mr Klein's questioning confirmed the similarity: there is, it seems, very little stern discussion of fundamental policies, but a great deal of response to short-term pressures, a great deal achieved as a result of the exercise of personal political muscle.

The description of a day at Chequers, discussing the nation's future, was particularly to the point: by the time your senior minister has got there and downed a cup of coffee, taken lunch and then a welcome cup of tea, why, it's time to be going. Good gracious, that isn't what they told me in the manifesto nor the last party political broadcast! Upon my soul, it sounds extraordinarily like the way that things are done (or not done) in places I have worked, which—when, you take the programme's general tone of candour into account—suggests to me it's very likely true. The remarkable thing to notice about this kind of truth is this: elementary it may be and not unduly flattering, but it creates two attitudes very rare today in the relationship of politicians with the broadcasting public: respect and even confidence.

A Question of Public Expenditure took place on Radio 3 at 4.10 of a Sunday afternoon, which comes as near as makes no odds to light-hiding under bushel. The same could be said of another series, John Tusa's *The Police in Britain* (producer Graham Tayar) which has been going out on *Lifelines*: 7.00 pm, Medium Wave only. Timing apart, it does not make the listening exactly pleasurable with squeaks and whistles coming off the atmosphere, but whenever I have tuned in, it has been worth the pain. The series has been distinguished by that same air of candour; it too has given every evidence of acknowledging problems which are real and difficult. These are both examples of work which ought to have the widest hearing radio can contrive, instead of being stuck away in corners.

Wellington, it should be said, ended much better than he began. Perhaps the third part gave more opportunities to the actors, perhaps the selection of material was better balanced. Whatever the reason, this—in a traditional documentary manner—was well made, well spoken and vital. Next week: Will *How Cabinet Government Works* achieve the same excellence as *A Question of Public Expenditure?* It might be worth finding out on Friday, R3. Same network, evening before, *The English Toper* sounds cheerful; and anything with a title like *Hamlet's Aunt and Other Relations* (Tuesday, 3 and 4) is going to be hard to resist. On 4 there is the first radio production of Roy Dotrice's inimitable presentation of Aubrey's *Brief Lives: Poetry Prom* (Weds) on a soldier's life might be attractive; *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Theatre* (Thurs) is the story of the National and cannot possibly be worse than its title.

David Wade

Sunday

Out and about. Holidays are sampled in the Italian Alps and Madeira (BBC1 5.25). There is afternoon soccer (ITV 2.10). Cree Indians of today (BBC2 7.25) and a Russian icon painter of yesterday (BBC2 9.55) are featured. Domestic drama unfolds (ITV 10.0) while Esther Rantzen unleashes her consumer watchdog (BBC1 10.5).—L.B.

BBC 1
9.00 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 9.30, Camberwick Green. 9.45, Dressmaker. 10.10, Ensemble. 10.35, Illustrated Economics. 11.00, Seeing and Believing. 11.45, The 60 70 80 Show. 12.10 pm, Avventura. 12.35, Happy Return. 1.00, Farming. 1.25, Parents and Children. 1.50, News Headlines. 1.55, Film: Merry Andrew (1958), with Danny Kaye. 3.35, Going for a Song. 4.05, The High Chaparral. 4.55, The Flight of the Heron. 5.25, Holiday '76.
5.55 News.
6.05 On The Move.
6.15 Under Bow Bells. Yehudi Menuhin and Malcolm Muggeridge.
6.50 Songs of Praise from St John The Baptist's, Greenhill, Harrow.
7.25 The Brothers.
8.15 Film. Pretty Polly (1967), with Hayley Mills, Trevor Howard, Shashi Kapoor.
9.55 News.
10.05 That's Life.
10.45 Read All About It.
11.15 Politics Now. Making Votes Count.
11.40 Weather.

Regional variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES: 9.30-9.45 am, Mr Benn. 1.00-1.25 pm, Farming in Wales. 1.55-2.00, Tom and Jerry. 2.00-2.45, Ellery Queen Whodunit. 2.45-3.15, Going for a Song. 3.15-4.55, Rugby: Wales v France. 6.50-7.00, Yr Arweinwyr. 7.00-7.25, Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. 10.45-11.15, Yn Galw'n Ofer Arnom. 11.40, News for Wales. SCOTLAND: 11.35-11.45 am, Interval. 1.00-1.25 pm, Farm Forum. 6.15-6.50, Sixes and Sevens. 11.40, Scottish News Summary. NORTHERN IRELAND: 11.40 pm, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

Southern
10.00 am, London. 11.27, Weather. 11.30, Farm Progress. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Arthur. 1.40, London. 3.10, The World at War. 4.10, Bridget Loves Bernie. 4.30, Southern News. 4.35, New Faces. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, Sale of the Century. 7.55, London. 11.00, Homicide. 11.55, Weather. Guideline.

Westward
10.00 am, London. 11.30, A House for the Future. 12.00, London. 1.05, West Country Job Finder. 1.10, Judo. 1.30, Farm and Country News. 2.00, The Big Match. 3.00, The Magician. 3.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, Film: Warlock, with Henry Fonda, Richard Widmark. 9.15, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00, Journey to the Unknown. 11.55, Faith for Life.

Anglia
9.30 am, Kitchen Garden. 10.00, London. 11.30, A House for the Future. 12.00, London. 1.10, Cartoon. 1.25, Weather. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Star Soccer. 3.00, Film Rembrandt with Charles Laughton, Gertrude Lawrence. 4.35, The World at War. 5.35, ATV 6.05, London. 7.55, Film: The Comic with Dick Van Dyke, Michele Lee, Mickey Rooney. 9.45, London. 11.00, Police Story. 11.55, Your Choice.

Granada
9.30 am, Kitchen Garden. 10.00, London. 11.25, Cartoon. 11.30, The Rovers. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, The Beachcombers. 1.40, London. 2.10, Kick Off Match. 3.15, Film. The Flying Fontaines. 4.35, The World at War. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, Columbo. 9.15, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00, Granada Profile. Trevor Griffiths. 11.30-12.30 am, Griff.

Scottish
10.00 am, Appointment with Destiny. 10.50, Springtime. 11.00, London. 11.30, Farming. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, A House for the Future. 1.40, The Persuaders. 2.35, Scotsport. 3.50, ATV. 4.50, Glen Michael Cavalcade. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 6.35, Chapter and Verse. 7.00, London. 7.25, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00, Late Call. 11.05-12.00, Kung Fu.

Ulster
1.00 am, London. 11.30, Checkmate. 12.00, London. 1.10, Cartoon. 1.40, London. 3.10, The Brady Bunch. 3.40, Cartoon. 3.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, Film: The Mating Season, with Gene Tierney, John Lund, Thelma Ritter. 9.10, Sports Results. 9.15, London. 11.00-11.50, Griff.

BBC 2
7.40 am, Open University: Technology; 8.05, Guernsey; 8.30, Science Foundation Course; 8.55, The Public Library; 9.20, Maths Analysis; 9.45, The Interatomic Forces; 10.10, Steel; 10.35, Educational Research Methods; 11.00, Oxfam; 11.25, Impact of the Telescope; 11.50, Industrial Relations; 12.15 pm, Philosophy; 12.40, Systems Performance; 1.05, Children in Trouble; 1.30-1.55, Maths.
6.30 News Review.
7.05 The Light of Experience: An Unexpected Guru.
7.25 The World About Us: The Cree Way, James Bay Territory in Canada.
8.15 M*A*S*H.
8.40 Flying's a Wonderful Thing, the flight of birds.
8.50 News.
8.55 Terra Firma.
9.55-12.50 am, Film: Andrei Rublev (1966), with Anatoly Solonitsin, Nikolai Sergeyev.
* Black and white.

Yorkshire
9.45 am, Chess Masterpieces.* 10.00, London. 11.30, Farming. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, A House for the Future. 1.40, Calendar Sunday. 2.05, Football Special 3.00, Film: Snowbound, with Robert Newton, Dennis Price, Stanley Holloway, Herbert Lom.* 4.35, World at War. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, Film: The Last Wagon, with Richard Widmark, Felicia Farr, Susan Kohner, Tommy Rettig. 9.15, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00-11.55, The Streets of San Francisco.

Border
10.00 am, London. 11.30, A House for the Future. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Border Diary. 1.15, Cartoon. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Football Highlights. 2.55, The World at War. 4.00, Film: California Conquest, with Cornel Wilde, Teresa Wright. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, Sale of the Century. 7.55, Film: The Last Wagon, with Richard Widmark, Felicia Farr. 9.45, London. 11.00-11.55, Land of the Small.

Grampian
11.00 am, London. 11.30, Farming. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, A House for the Future. 1.40, Parents' Day. 2.10, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 2.35, Scotsport. 3.50, ATV. 4.50, Glen Michael Cavalcade. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, Film: The Last Wagon, with Richard Widmark, Felicia Farr. 9.15, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00, Streets of San Francisco. 11.55, Prayers.

London Weekend
9.30 am, Yoga. 10.00, Morning Worship. 11.00, Plain Sailing. 11.30, The Lone Ranger. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, London Weekend Show. 1.40, A House for the Future. 2.10, The Big Match: FA Cup Special. 3.10, Film: Ambush Bay (1966), with Hugh O'Brian, Mickey Rooney, James Mitchum. 5.05, Dominic. 5.35, Survival.
6.05 News.
6.15 Sunday Quiz.
6.35 Open Pulpit.
7.00 Start the Day.
7.25 Now Who Do You Do?
7.55 Film: There's a Girl in My Soup (1970), with Peter Sellers, Goldie Hawn.
9.35 Police Five Extra.
9.45 News.
10.00 Now is Too Late, with Felicity Kendal, Anton Rodgers, Michael Gambon, Anna Palk.
11.00 Jason King.
12.00 Witness to Yesterday.
12.25 am Crime, Gentlemen, Please.

ATV
9.30 am, Link. 10.00, London. 11.00, A House for the Future. 11.30, Catch '76: 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, The Amazing Chan. 1.35, Fantastic Voyage. 2.00, Star Soccer. 2.55, Griff. 3.50, World at War. 4.50, Celebrity Squares. 5.35, Dominic. 6.05, London. 7.25, McCloud. 9.10, Yes Honestly. 9.45, London. 11.00, University Challenge. 11.30, The Protectors. 12.00, Barrie Cooke.

Tyne Tees
10.00 am, London. 11.25, Galloping Gourmet. 11.55, Where the Jobs Are. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Police Surgeon. 1.40, Farming. 2.10, Shoot! 3.10, The Ghost and Mrs Muir. 3.40, The World at War. 4.40, The Flintstones. 5.05, The Geordie Scene. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, Film: The Last Wagon, with Richard Widmark, Felicia Farr. 9.15, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00, A House for the Future. 11.30, Epilogue.

HTV
10.00 am, London. 11.00, ATV. 11.30, The Geordie Scene. 12.00, London. 1.10, ATV. 1.40, Farming. 2.10, London. 3.10, The World At War. 4.05, Hawkins. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.55, Film: Richard Widmark and Felicia Farr in The Last Wagon. 9.45, London. 11.00, ATV. 11.30, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES. As HTV except: 1.10-1.40, University Challenge. 1.40-2.10, Farming Diary. 6.35-7.00, Golwg Dros Y Byd. 11.00-11.45, See You Tomorrow. 11.45, Weather.

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6.55 am, New Day. 7.00, News. 7.03, Reginald Dixon.† 8.03, Cliff Richard. 8.32, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Paul Burnett. 1.00 pm, Jimmy Savile. 3.00, Anne Nightingale. 5.00, Insight. 6.00, Tom Browne.† 7.00, Quiz Kid '76. 7.30, Semprini.† 8.30, Sunday Half-hour.† 9.02, Best Tunes.† 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.05, Brass and Strings.† 11.02, Jazz.† 12.31-12.33 am, News.
† Stereo.

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6.55 am, Radio 1. 10.02, David Jacobs.† 11.30, People's Service. 12.02 pm, Family Favourites.† 2.02, Steptoe and Son. 2.30, Oscar Hammerstein Story.† 3.30, Melvyn Bragg. 4.02, Charlie Chester.† 6.00, Radio 1. 7.02, The Family Brandon. 7.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

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8.00 am, News. 8.05, Jascha Heifetz (violin): Grieg, Szymanowski, arr. Kochanski, Vivaldi, Bach. 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice: Massenet, Fauré, Berlioz. 10.30, Music Weekly.† 11.15, Beethoven and Haydn. 12.20 pm Words . . . by Eleanor Bron. 12.25, Concert: Tchaikovsky.† 1.50, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau (song recital) part 1: Mendelssohn, Schumann, Pfitzner.† 2.30, Reading. 2.40, Recital, part 2: Bruno Walter, Wolf, Schumann, Pfitzner.† 3.15, Wordsworth, Constable and the English Landscape. 3.55, Mozart Dances.† 4.15, Talking About Music. Antony Hopkins.† 4.45, Couperin.† 5.05, Play: Measure for Measure, by William Shakespeare.† 7.30, Stravinsky Concert part 1.† 8.25, The Renaissance of the Russian novel, talk. 8.45, Concert. Part 2.† 9.20, Socialism and Reality, Hungary's Liberation: talk. 10.10, Tudor Church Music.† 10.50, Sounds Interesting.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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7.15 am, Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45, Bells. 7.50, Reading. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.15, Sunday. 8.50, Programme News. 8.55, Weather. 9.00, News. 9.10, Sunday Papers. 9.15, Letter From America. 9.30, The Archers. 10.30, Service from Hexham Abbey, Northumberland. 11.10, Appeal, Bristol Old People's Welfare. 11.15, Motoring and the Motorist. 11.45, From the Grass Roots. Ring 0272-39432/3. 12.15 pm, You and Yours. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 2.00, Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30, Play. The End of the Summer. 4.00, News. 4.02, Talking About Antiques. 4.30, The Living World. 5.00, In Touch. 5.15, Down Your Way 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Mr and Mrs Parkinson. 7.00, News. 7.02, Quote . . . Unquote. 7.30, Chapter and Verse. 8.00, Concert: Lalo, Debussy, Franck, Saint-Saëns, Chabrier. 9.00, News. 9.03, The Return of the Native. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, Yanks and Limeys. Over There—World War II. 11.00, Litany. 11.15-11.38, News. 11.45-11.48, Inshore forecast.†

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London Broadcasting, news and information station. 97.3 VHF. 261 M.

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TOP TEN PAPERBACKS

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BREAKHEART PASS
The book-of-the-film starring Charles Bronson...

2 Raymond Williams
KEY WORDS
"...must be added to any shelf of reference books about words." *Woodrow Wyatt. The Sunday Times*

3 Alexander Solzhenitsyn
THE GULAG ARCHIPELAGO 2
"...may well be Solzhenitsyn's most stunning achievement to date." *Time*

4 Richard Mackarness
EAT FAT AND GROW SLIM
The secrets of healthy, successful slimming explained by the author of *Not All In The Mind*...

5 Mark Arnold-Forster
THE WORLD AT WAR
Paperback of the famous Thames-TV series currently being repeated...

6 Jack Dominian
DEPRESSION
What is it? How do we cope with it? Despite the fear and ignorance surrounding it, it can be diagnosed and treated...

7 Lothar-Günther Buchheim
U-BOAT
"The most moving novel about the ocean war since *The Cruel Sea*." *Sunday Express*

8 Seymour Fisher
BODY CONSCIOUSNESS
A frank investigation of the worries and fears men and women have about their bodies and appearances...

9 Compiled by Eric Marshall & Stuart Hample
CHILDREN'S LETTERS TO GOD
They're funny, they're touching and they're no-holds-barred honest...

10 Edited by Alexander Solzhenitsyn
FROM UNDER THE RUBBLE
Essays by Solzhenitsyn and six dissident colleagues still resident in the Soviet Union

Introducing Paperbacks of the month

When Emerson said "Never read any book that is not a year old", he wasn't thinking of paperbacks. But such is the ever-climbing price of new books between hard covers, that increasingly we wait 12 or 18 months for a paperback edition—at as little as a fifth of the original price.

Paperbacks can only be cheap if the sales are large. Substituting soft for hard covers on the average £3.50 hardback novel with a print run of 3,000 would make perhaps 25p difference. But mass paperbacks as we accept the term are rarely considered in print runs of under 25,000. Thus a price can still fall as low as 40p. At its most successful the mass market is exemplified by Peter Benchley's novel *Jaws* (Pan, 70p), which has sold well over three million copies—that is approaching one hundred times more than the hardback edition published two years ago. The paperback sales explosion was detonated by the film, but before the paperback age the hardback publisher would have cashed in with a cheap edition.

Mass sales mean, in the main, genre fiction marketed as crime, western, romance gothic, war, even in a short-lived vogue, slaver novels. Sadly this labelling of fiction results in a most competent writer such as Rosemary Anne Sisson (*Upstairs, Downstairs* and *Six Wives of Henry VIII*) suffering thus in the publicity material for her historical novel *The Stratford Story* (Star, 60p):

An epic struggle between one man's ambition to fulfil his incredible talents and a woman whose whole life's meaning depends on their love . . . a big women's "read"...
Talking point: . . . an author to build. Rosemary Anne Sisson is here to stay in the rose garden of historical fiction.

In this mass area fiction predominates, but increasingly the brow is being set lower and lower. The more serious novels that fail to slot conveniently into a marketing category have become the also rans or more often fail even to make starter's orders. The Arts Council's literature panel is conscious of this and recently set up a working party to investigate whether subsidies for quality fiction might be a profitable way of helping authors and making their work more widely available. But I understand there has, as yet been little rapport with the paperback imprints.

Mass non-fiction is a trickier area: again some categories such as cooking or hobbies are top-sellers, but biography figures only marginally in most paperback catalogues. The only recent title to rival *Jaws* has been the latest James Herriot, whose *Vet in Harness* (Pan, 60p) subscribed 750,000 copies before publication last month. But hardback publishers will tell you that it is harder to sell general biography for paperback than ever before.

The most diverse list despite some recent cutbacks, is still Penguin, which bridges the mass and more specialist poles of the paperback industry. The latter are often produced by traditionally hardback firms, with prices reflecting the smaller print ru
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SF
Hubris clobbered by Nemesis

Brian Aldiss, the prodigious British writer, has commented in another context that SF is Hubris clobbered by Nemesis, and Man's audacity in assuming control of his own destiny is very much a part of the undertow of the art. As, for instance, in Aldiss's first SF novel, Non-Stop (Pan, 60p), a grand slam of story-telling about a lost community trapped in a universe that it can no longer recognize: where time will never have a halt and even rats are armed for the kill with weapon-apparatus.

There is in this, as in most of Aldiss's books, a pulsing vein of surrealism but it is kept well below the flesh of the story-line, whereas in his short stories, Intangibles Inc (Corgi, 45p) it throbs very much at the surface of nearly all of them.

Surface action of the most outrageously adventurous kind can often sugar some very startling pills of philosophy which in the case of Robert Heinlein's Farnham's Freehold (Corgi, 65p), may be considered—according to extreme attitudes—either a stimulant or an emetic. I found it hallucinogenic; and it does prove, by the mastery of its writing, that characterization need never be subjugated to hardware in SF.

Heinlein is what is courteously called "a doyen of science fiction", a nugget left over from the Golden Age: from such dignified dotage you might expect him to hand down words of wisdom: respectful and respected. Yet he topsy-turvys all one's preconceptions in that direction.

His advancement of one American family, after a Soviet-detonated holocaust, into a future where blacks seem morally white and vice-versa, and cannibalism is an acceptable practice, is both brash and disturbing. It is H. G. Wells's idea of The Time Machine shifted into an extraordinary gear, filled with a sort of subversive American Imperialism, all the more alarming because of the straightforwardness of its disarming style.

Yet the conceptions going on beneath that smooth exterior make the notions behind the story-telling radicalism of Michael Moorcock's style with A Cure For Cancer (Quartet, 70p) read like Enid Blyton.

Moorcock's work rejoices in its unconventionality and, in his best stories about the multi-sexed hero Jerry Cornelius, such as The English Assassin, you do feel an enormous talent to back up the off-putting structure. But sift through his more sloppily-turned-out material and there is little to intellectually resound to so much symbol clashing. A Cure for Cancer is, after three readings, Moorcock at half-cock—perhaps because he has not been as ruthlessly apocalyptic as usual in his creation of a world that has gone beyond the end of its tether into a wilderness of drugs, sex and a frightening interchangability of identities.

Of the many strands that plait into the compulsive noose of SF is that of Space Opera, where currently the pointy-eared Mr Spock would seem to have all the best-advertised arias, linked as Startrek-adventures are with the television series. Such writings are, really, Westerns in a space-suit: Shoot-outs At the Arcturus Corral. They have as much depth as a puddle, but you won't get brain-soggy with wondering whether you have probed the inner meaning of them all.

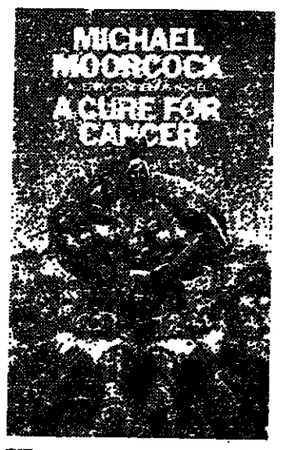
In this section of the genre Alan Dean Foster's Startrek Log 3 (Corgi, 45p), with a trio of adventures adapted from the television shows, are completely likeable and professional and contain all our old chums: from Mr Spock via Captain Kirk to the villainously likable Henry Mudd.

These kind of romances include, inevitably, knowing the human capacity for awe, the at-a-bound-he-was-free superman tales and there is a new hero of this ilk in Saul Dunn's The Coming of Steeleye (Coronet, 60p), beginning, we are warned, The Saga of Steeleye. On the strength of this first yarn it is a saga that will certainly not be often told round my fire-side.

Steeleye himself is repellently omnipotent and given to saying things such as "I am Steeleye, gift of the Eumigs to the Universe. I am not a foolish Man, built only in the image of Man." A little humility in terms of another maker-in-His-own image, however mythical, would have helped a lot. . . .

To higher reaches of the imagination and there is Ursula Le Guin, who conjures worlds with a subtlety, precision and a sacred sense of poetry which has often had her compared to Tolkein. Her The Dispossessed (Panther, 75p), about the way instant communication between worlds may not mean instant understanding, touches both heart and head: it is the stuff of dreams.

Tom Hutchinson



SF art: a cover by Patrick Woodroffe

History
Kingship and kissing

It is a good thing one can't know everything, or what would become of the fun of learning? Take history. A bundle of books is thrust into one's arms with the words "Read these", and before one knows what has happened the medieval England of fable and surmise is all daylight and champaign.

It is not populous, but it is full of people. True, they emerge anonymously, these men-at-arms and archers and the tradesmen and specialists and servants who went to war with them. For we are reading Peter Earle's The Life and Times of Henry V (Cardinal, £1.25) which starts, simply but resoundingly, "Once upon a time there was a king who won a battle". Henry's whole career may be epitomized as the preparation for, and consequences of, Agincourt. He had been fighting, by his father's side, since he was 13, and he died when he was preparing once again to fight. The account of a life that was virtually one long campaign may appear daunting; indeed it isn't. The mixture of chivalry and baseness and what can only be called sound business sense is disarming. "He was a very popular prince", says Mr Earle of him as Prince of Wales, explaining among other things—he can be tart when necessary—that "Tradesmen praised him for his extravagance." As for Shakespeare's pretty scene, Henry did kiss Katherine when they met, *and* her formidable mother (see Erasmus, later, for the English and kissing), but "whether he really loved his Queen . . . is open to question. Certainly on his death-bed he seems to have given little thought to her".

With Edward IV faces appear among the crowd. Here come the Pastons, diligently pursuing their own interests and incidentally bringing their patrons, too, into high relief. Mary Clive in This Sun of York (Cardinal, £1.60) uses them to marvellous effect. So she does that cynical cleric, the Third Croyland Continuator, who keeps a sardonic eye on the affairs of the nation while dashing off a further instalment of his abbey chronicle. There is also the "unknown, comical cockney" known as Pseudo-Gregory who pops up from time to time to say what Londoners saw or opined.

Without falsifying the period she gives us its equivalent in modern terms. The Woodvilles, for instance, however they might be ennobled, were always held to be "low"—a similar obstinate slander persisted less than 20 years ago!—and there were altogether too many of them, no fewer than 17 at Court. To the older families it was beyond a joke, and this light on Edward's in-laws does much to explain their unpopularity. The vivid kind himself scandalized his contemporaries by hobnobbing with City men and otherwise anticipating Edward VII in the encouragement of a plutocratic, as distinct from an aristocratic, Society.

Let Erasmus open the next scene. He writes from England:

Wherever you go, you are received with kisses from everybody; when you leave you are dismissed with kisses. You go back, and your kisses are returned to you. People arrive: kisses; they depart: kisses; wherever people forgather, there are lots of kisses. . . .

The pleasant custom had long astonished foreigners, and somehow this unlikely quotation sets the tone for what should be a much more sombre story, R. W. Chambers's tremendous Thomas More (Cape, £2.25). The history of a man who stood up to Henry VIII and died for his integrity, it is nevertheless suffused with happiness. Consider the picture it paints of that international band of humanists, forever stealing time from their own labours to exchange letters, advise on where to study Greek, send kind messages to the families they had stayed with, constantly encouraging—th
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Food
Eat and grow well

That there is an intimate connexion between the food we eat and our health seems indisputable. This link is recognized though, only on obvious occasions as when, for example, a person exhibits symptoms of acute allergy—a rash after shellfish, or violent sickness after mushrooms. Dr Richard Mackarness pursues the theory much further and in Not All in the Mind (Pan, 60p) introduces the concept of psycho-chemistry arguing that allergy to certain foods can cause more subtle and unexpected effects, not just of the physical kind, but also of a mental kind. Thus symptoms we may attribute to something else—lassitude, headaches, short-temper—may be due to the long-term effects of allergy to some common food—milk, eggs, white flour, coffee. The same theme is expounded by Dr George Watson in Nutrition and Your Mind (Coronet, 90p) who suggests also that forms of irrational behaviour, psychotic freak-outs even, may be due to food allergy.

Mackarness's book is readable and presents much complicated and scientific information in a palatable way. Watson's relies heavily on case histories to make his points, but does include some engaging tests, one of which convinces me that I have little room for nutritional improvement. Always a comfort. Both books convince, but they raise wide and complex questions.

Yet the despised and feared witches, midwives and nurses of the Middle Ages had the right idea. When the nation's diet was uncontaminated by chemicals and technology it would seem reasonable that illness could be cured by natural means—herbs and distillations from plants. Constance Mellor, whose philosophy of healing is strongly opposed to drug-therapy, thoroughly examines in Natural Remedies for Common Ailments (Mayflower, 75p) how such principles may be applied today. The book is fully documented and covers a lot of ground with sections on cancer, vegetarian diets and homeopathy. One problem for the nutrition conscious is how to prevent nasty chemicals from entering the body.

Obesity is recognized as a major health hazard from our starch-and-sugar dominated, easy-to-digest diet. Richard Mackarness strikes again with Eat Fat and Grow Slim (Fontana, 65p) outlining pleasant diets that relieve you of inches without forcing you to slow starvation or driving you mad with boredom. Audrey Ellis tackles the obesity problem at the cradle in Cooking to Make Kids Slim (Stanley Paul, £1.95), another handsome, accessible book packed with excellent ideas and based on a true understanding of children and the way they react to food.

After all that, I begin to believe that the only illnesses *not* caused by the food we eat are those caused by falling under a bus. Fasting seems the only answer—which is exactly what Alan Cott propounds in Fasting: the ultimate diet (Bantam, 50p). Simply to stop eating for a few days has a mystical appeal with all the associations of purification rituals. It is possible, is proved valuable, has biblical precedent. Mr Cott failed to persuade me to try it; his book seems over-anxious and slick.

Few—if any—actual cookery writers seem to concern themselves with the food-health link; apart, of course, from the ever-growing body of wholefood and vegetarian advocates. For example, Betty Crocker's Do-Ahead Cookbook (Bantam, 50p) which, as the awful title suggests, offers recipes that may be prepared in advance and frozen until required, seems a compendium of musts to avoid—relying heavily on commercially prepared, instant sauces, mixes, debilitated flours and rice, all contorted into objects more appropriate to the milliner's window than the table. Madame Wu's Art of Chinese Cooking (Bantam, 50p) has a touch of Hollywood about it, but the simple principles of one of the world's great cuisines shine through.

Barbara Cartland is interested in health, of course; it equates with beauty, sexual vitality and relentless charm. The Magic of Honey Cookbook (Corgi, 50p) has a certain appeal with some nice things in it. Desserts and Puddings, by the Cordon Bleu team of Rosemary Hume and Muriel Downes (Penguin, 60p) ignores with aristocratic *hauteur* any ill effects that white flour, refined sugar and animal fats may produce and offers a series of super-suave climaxes to any dinner party.

A Taste of the Country, by Pamela Westland (Penguin, 75p) returns us to the romantic idea of a simple life of domestic skills, of growing, preserving, brewing and baking. After suggesting how crops may be grown on quite small plots, Ms Westland offers a selection of quite delicious recipes—the home-baking section, and that on the many uses of home-made yoghurt being particularly valuable.

Finally a welcome to two classics: E. Penning-Rowsell's superb account of The Wines of Bordeaux (Penguin, £1.25) and Mediterranean Seafood, by Alan Davidson (Penguin, £1.25) a masterly combination of reference book and cook-book with a beautifully illustrated and annotated catalogue of fish, plus a collection of remarkable recipes.

Roger Baker

Briefly

The Gulag Archipelago, Volume 2 by Alexander Solzhenitsyn (Fontana, £1). In the week we have had Solzhenitsyn interviewed on Panorama, *Gulag II* is with us as text, dictionary, encyclopaedia, even raison d'etre for his own exile. *Gulag II* is Solzhenitsyn's record—"a peephole . . . not the view from the tower"—of the Soviet concentration camps where between the October revolution and 1959, a total of 66 million people have ended their lives. Solzhenitsyn has produced a record, rather than a book. One feels that every fact he could collect has been included. Thus, at times—and Thomas P. Whitney's translation does not help—it is a struggle to read. But the overall effect, as in Hitler's camps, is that the human will can survive whatever is thrown at it. *Gulag III* has just been published in Paris.

From Under the Rubble, by Alexander Solzhenitsyn and others (Fontana, 95p). Essays by men who, all save Solzhenitsyn, are still living in the Soviet Union. Their theme is "a diagnosis of the evils and difficulties that beset the country", as Max Hayward relates in an introduction. Such debate is banned in Russia, but these dissidents speak our, and point out possible solutions, though very much in the long term.

Awakenings, by Oliver Sacks (Pelican, £1). The moving story of the treatment of 200 sufferers of Parkinson's disease with L-Dopa, and the nothing less than dramatic results. Most of the patients treated were the survivors of the 1916 pandemic encephalitis lethargica; many had been speechless and immobile for years. L-Dopa was seen as a "miracle drug", although Sacks, a highly cultured doctor, shudders at the use of such a headline phrase. More often than not the awakening induced by the drug—a return to normality in speech and limbs, proved a false dawn. Some patients failed to stand the shock—"L-Dopa, that stuff should be given its proper name—Hell-Dopa!" said one patient—and the side effects proved worse than the original condition. As Edward Candy wrote in *The Times* when the book was first published: "This is in the fine tradition of the best medical literature, where the writer-doctor reports what his patients have taught him". For this Pelican edition, Dr Sacks has added much new material: further clinical observations and his further recollections. There are in the form of footnotes, often miniature essays, which sometimes demand narrative. schizophrenia on the part of the reader. This is a book that lingers in the mind.

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published in 1960 towards the end of her life, is a small selection of memories of Africa, recollected in tranquillity, with none of the sharply remembered pain of the autobiographical *Out of Africa*. The most notable piece is a portrait of her Somali servant, Farah. Master and servant are a unity—for what would Don Quixote be without Sancho Panza, Don Giovanni without Leporello, Karen Blixen without Farah?

Even in Africa her own background is not far away. The sense of honour of the Somali is likened to that of the ancient Icelanders—both races are "attitudinizers"—and it is the depth of literary and personal resource which makes the short stories in the three volumes so rich and satisfying.

Many of the tales are set in the nineteenth century, as in *Copenhagen Season* (Last Tales) the Copenhagen of her father's youth, when the country nobility come to the capital for the season from the New Year to April, with all the young men courting the young girls out to make up for long autumn months of wet rides, evening needlework and early bedtime.

As in Karen Blixen's life, there is frequently a doom, a nemesis, for these attractive young people, marked down for ancestral ill-luck. People come together in a moment of extraordinary tension or danger, which affects their entire life. In *The Heroine* (Winter's Tales) a young Englishman is caught up in the Franco-Prussian War and held as a spy with a group of people, one of whom is the most beautiful young girl he has ever seen. They may go free, if the girl accepts the proposition of the German officer to go and collect the necessary documents from him "like the goddess Venus". They all refuse to allow this—and are set free. Years later the Englishman discovers that the girl was a famous French actress, renowned for her appearances "dressed like the goddess Venus". The shared ordeal has, however, deepened and altered the course of their lives.

Some have the dimensions of a legend—as in *The Immortal Story* (Anecdotes of Destiny), the ancient tale of the sailor who is offered five guineas to spend the night with a beautiful girl to give an heir to an old man is re-enacted at the will of a wealthy tea merchant in Canton. (This story has been filmed, with Jeanne Moreau, and unexpected sensitivity and fidelity to the original, by Orson Welles.)

Some of the stories are pure comedy, as in *Babette's Feast* (Anecdotes of Destiny) and the novella *Ehrengard* (published after her death) is the lightest and slightest of them all—a charming *coda* to a body of more serious work.

The story-teller's art ranges over the legends of the East and the North with equal ease—sufficient to hold off the Black Death or to pass the time until the knock on the door—distilled from the fantasy, the imagination, the long, star-lit African nights of talk, or, more often, of loneliness and silence, and the wide ranging reading. A tragicomic aspect of this is recalled when she had inadvertently taken an overdose of an arsenic-based medicine, and remembered a treatment for arsenic poisoning in Alexandre Dumas's novel *La Reine Margot*, sending Farah to find it in the library.

She had much grief in her life. Her marriage was a disaster, and the man she loved, Denys Finch Hatton, was a charming and cultured Englishman, of the kind which flees attachments, whether social or personal. "He always left the impression of greatness", said an appreciation in *The Times* after his early death in a plane crash, "and yet behind it all, indefinite but ever present, a feeling of waste. Something more must come from one so gifted." But it never did. Karen Blixen suffered cruelly from the ill-health which turned the active horsewoman and good shot into the frail, unearthly creature with the enormous blazing eyes of her later years. And at no time can she have been an easy or undemanding companion in life.

She saw many a hard day. But her nights were sweet.

Philippa Toomey

Much to be thankful for

While one can still buy an experience like Susan Hill's **The Bird of Night** for 50p (Penguin), there is much to be thankful for, inflation or no inflation. Miss Hill's range is as wide as that of any novelist now writing and in her newest paperback she examines madness, the poetic impulse, and the nature of friendship in a dark, frightening, moving novel every page of which is riveting.

The instinct which forces Harvey Lawson to devote most of his life to caring for the poet Francis Croft, who is intermittently and increasingly mad, is the instinct (now belittled or sneered at) which made the great Victorian male friendships possible—friendships which were seen as a high ideal. Croft's journals are entirely believable, as is his madness and his genius; so is his loving and caring friend.

Not love and care but hate and mistrust are the elements in the relationship between two writers, one black, one white and Jewish, living in a deserted and condemned New York tenement, which is at the heart of Bernard Malamud's fine novel **The Tenants** (Penguin, 50p). The white steals the black's girl; the black destroys the white's manuscript; the novel turns out to be about the nature of art, as well as the nature of love and racial hatred. It ends in a wail of pain and horror.

Angus Wilson's **As If By Magic** (Penguin, 90p) involves a Dickensian plethora of characters and scenes—and the fact that the plot concerns a scientist's trip around the world provides the excuse for several hilarious set-pieces in which Mr Wilson inimitably catches the precise intonation and flavour of places and people. The novel has a serious, a tragic theme, but it is irresistably funny and readable—one of the author's best.

Andrea Newman's tortured characters spend their smooth, middle-class lives cannibalising each other. In **A Bouquet of Barbed Wire** (Penguin, 75p), incest is explored in all but its physical aspect; in **Alexa** (Penguin, 50p) one woman uses another apparently to destroy, but really to save, her marriage; in **Three in Two Won't Go** (Penguin, 60p) a hitch-hiker wrenches apart the life of the self-satisfied businessman who picks her up. Miss Newman's people exist when they are in touch with each other, whether loving or tearing each other's eyes out. The atmosphere is thick with mistrust and misliking and spiritual claustrophobia. The dialogue is always alive and credible; the characters really speak, as opposed to just talking, which makes up to a great extent for a certain lack of subtlety in characterisation.

In **The Heyday** (Quartet, 75p) Bamber Gascoigne writes a nostalgic romantic novel about a beautiful young Edwardian actress in a dreadful touring company—but contrives a delightfully sour twist to save it from sentimentality. Deft and extremely well-constructed; sometimes hilarious, always entertaining.

Four novels from abroad: Obi B. Egbuna's **The Minister's Daughter** (Fontana, 50p, in the interesting African Novels series) is almost a play. An obnoxious black politician lives through a coup while his people suffer and hope around him. The dialogue is spare, terse, unexpectedly funny (one is very near Firbank's Cuna-Cuna). The Cuban Reinaldo Arenas in **Hallucinations** (Penguin, 75p) translated by Gordon Brotherstone improvises a fiction around the life of an 18th century Mexican friar; a knowing Candide in an often outrageous fantasy—read at top speed, a romp; more slowly, a sad commentary. Admirers of Myra Breckinridge will presumably flinch at the length of **Burr** (Panther, £1) and indeed at its subject (an intriguing 19th century American politician). Still and all, it is in the *intellectual* picaresque that Gore Vidal is at his mercurial best. Myra is perhaps part of the history of publicity; *Burr* is an achievement and a half. Finally, Lawrence Durrell's **Monsieur** (Faber, £1.50), a return to the style of the Alexandrian quartet, has all Durrell's marvellous way with atmosphere and topography, while making this reader scream with fury at the wilful idiocy of the actual narrative.

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Good Food

Dining out with distinction

One day, perhaps, some latter-day Gibbon, rehearsing the decline and fall of the British Empire, will observe that the fatal quarter-century or so between the independence of India and the rearguard action on the Falkland Islands neatly coincided with the rise and efflorescence of the *Good Food Guide* (whose 25th anniversary edition is published this week-end). Let us try: "Belittled at the conference table, the officers of the Crown could still be princelings at the dinner-hour, and assert perpetual dominion over fish, flesh, and fowl. Salmon leapt to fulfil their orders, pheasants hung on their lightest word; while at the margins of the banquet, unremarked in the crepuscular illumination thought fitting for the appeasement of a pro-consul's appetite, stood the servant-conquerors, discoursing in the tongues of Bengal and Cathay."

Perhaps there is more truth in this caricature than immediately appears; perhaps, indeed, only when the British lost the preposterous self-confidence that put brown Windsor soup on the menu for the scorching evenings on the Indian plains could they entertain the food and ideas imported from foreign kitchens which are now commonplace in restaurants up and down the British Isles. What would we have made, back in 1951, when the late Raymond Postgate and his friends shuffled together the first, modestly sized *Guide* at his home in Finchley, of the seven places that follow, and which appear on the very short list of first-time food distinctions in this year's edition of *The Good Food Guide*?

In those far-off times Elizabeth David was hardly launched on her distinguished series of cookery books, and in the eyes of most English chefs garlic was daring and wine sinful. We would have been singularly unprepared for gnocchi with home-made pesto followed by aïoli garni at the Carved Angel in Dartmouth, and still less for the coq au vin jaune flanqué de morilles which is offered at Chez Nico in Dulwich.

It would have been hardly less surprising in 1951—or for that matter in 1961—to find a distinguished restaurant in the north-east, where one hotel was praised in an early *Guide* on the grounds that "the vegetables were recognizable for what they were". (A modest achievement indeed, a Continental visitor must have thought if he happened on that entry, though the British restaurant-goer of a generation ago will have known better.) But there is a warmer tone in descriptions received of Ernest Williamson and Janice Crocker's Golden Calf at Hesleden in Durham.

The owners are ex-teachers, and many of their clients make no claim to wealth: "We go out to eat once in a blue moon but have spent the weekend planning even more stringent economies to be able to afford another meal here soon. The best thing about it is that the owners really know about food and love it." "I could eat every scrap of their crisp and juicy lamb cutlets with garlic and herb stuffing, and I'm usually a fat-hater." Indeed, the only passionate complaint—itself a very topical one—is from a woman who went to one of the Calf's regional French dinners (Brittany) and was given after the crab soup a poached mackerel "barely two thirds the size of my husband's".

The Dartmouth Carved Angel might almost be regarded as *hors concours*, for Joyce Molyneux, who cooks there, has simply carried on where she left off when George Perry-Smith sold the Hole in the Wall in Bath, and thousands by now know what to expect of her fish soups, mayonnaise verte, summer pudding and other delights. This year, too, yet another young couple from that influential stable, David and Liza Tearle of Tearle's at Limpley Stoke near Bath, have won similarly good opinions for their scaled-down version of the same style.

Both these places have already been described in these columns, while the Paragon at Worthing has been too long overlooked—a pity, for David Groves, the chef who helped the Fornasaris build up the place to its present distinction, left last year to open his own place (Le Bosquet in Kenilworth). But the change of chef, so often fatal, seems to have done no harm here. The lasagne is locally famous, and in a town full of elderly people with fixed incomes and exacting memories it is a pleasure to see the care devoted to the *mise-en-place*, to details such as the *demi-glace* sauce for noisettes d'agneau forestière—"a real one to atone for so many travesties tasted elsewhere", and to the modestly priced set lunch, where imperial echoes are occasionally stirred by "endearingly home-made side-dishes for curry, and that half-forgotten pudding called diplomate".

A Worthing revival is an unexpected surprise, and so is a Welsh one, but this year for the first time the *Guide*'s pestle-and-mortar symbol for devotion to culinary duty goes to as many places in Wales (true they are all in the Borders) as in Ireland. One of the newcomers is the Hine family's Three Cocks at Aberllynfi near Hay-on-Wye.

Mrs Hine attempts too much with too little skilled assistance for success to be invariable, and the apricot ice-cream in a test meal was disappointing, but the hot shrimps en croustade (75p) and noisettes of venison which she lists as specialities were fully worthy of the well-brandied name she bears, and unlike most people she also succeeds with guinea fowl. Smaller matters were equally noticeable on this occasion: especially the attractive presentation of accurately cooked vegetables, and the offer of eight English country cheeses, as well as fresh peaches in kirsch and other more elaborate sweets.

Lastly there is London—now, if this year's *Guide* casualty list is anything to go by, the hardest place in the kingdom for a restaurant of real quality to succeed economically. Guy Mouilleron's Ma Cuisine was discussed here last year (May 31, 1975), and that place is in the central district—indeed, in the eye of the storm. The other risen star is in Dulwich, where M and Mme Ladenis and their chef, Sammy Yussuf, keep Chez Nico. "A self-confident, charming place if you want to be treated in a restaurant like an intelligent adult who cares passionately about food", is the verdict of one *Guide* inspector (a woman) after being parronized, babied, or gulled all the way round the West End.

M Ladenis is enough of a Frenchman to know what is best for you—or rather, as he would insist, for the food itself, to which customers are in the end a slight irrelevance. Steaks are never cooked longer than medium-rare, and if you want the coq au vin jaune, you will have to give a day's notice for it.

But it was easy to pick from one day's short menu the coquilles St Jacques, "delicately gratinée with not even a vestige of mashed potato", mussel soup, and lamb cutlets with an intriguing purée of onion, bread and fresh herbs, served with the crisply browned garlic potatoes that south London has developed a strong taste for.

Wines, moreover, are decently priced, and worthy of what they accompany—but the restaurants in the 1976 *Guide* which are particularly worth a wine-lover's visit must await another article.

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Chess

Making comparisons

A reader writes apropos of my report the other day of Tony Miles gaining the title of international grandmaster that it "must, however, be mentioned that there are already two British chess grandmasters". In a way he is right and yet I am wholly unrepentant and must in turn maintain that I was keeping strictly within the bounds of truth when I wrote that, as a result of his score of nine points at Dubna, he "became the first British player to attain the official status of international grandmaster".

Comins Mansfield and Keith Richardson were both awarded titles by FIDE but they were of a different type from that Miles has attained. Comins Mansfield has been an excellent chess-player in his time, but never even achieved master status as such. On the other hand, he is certainly one of the greatest chess problemists of all time and thoroughly deserved to be given the title of international grandmaster for chess compositions. Equally, Keith Richardson was and is a fine chess-player, but he has never attained master rank. He is the first British correspondence player to be awarded the title of international grandmaster of correspondence chess.

Having established the fact that Tony Miles was indeed the first British player to win such a title in his particular field, I have, however, to deny him another claim that might be made on his behalf. Though at the age of 20 he is indeed very young to have won such a title, he is not the youngest. That record belongs to the present world champion, Anatoly Karpov, who was only 19 when he won the international grandmaster title.

But inevitably, as Tony Miles has himself remarked, comparisons must be made and speculations aroused as to the future of our newly fledged international grandmaster. It is perhaps strange that, though he has never yet won the British Championship, one should be thinking of Miles as a potential challenger for the world title. But the speed with which he has forced his way into the grandmaster class is so impressive that, given that he does indeed make further progress, he must be deemed to have excellent chances in the next cycle of World Championship qualifying events of breaking into another charmed ring—that of the Candidates' events.

When considering the possibilities one should consider first of all the manner in which he has won the title. For indeed there are grandmasters and grandmasters. By this I mean that there are those players who have won the title who, in the days when there were no ratings to determine who was what, would not have been deemed even masters. If one submits their tournament performances to a close scrutiny then one discovers the flaws in a system that is far from foolproof.

With genuine grandmasters it is quite another story and then, I suppose, praise is due to the system for its almost unerring power of defining true grandmasters.

So, let us examine the two performances that gave Tony Miles his title The first was at the London International tournament last October. This was not a particularly strong tournament. Four out of the 11 competitors were grandmasters—Adorjan, Sax, Sigurjonsson and Timman. Two were international masters, Miles himself and Nunn. Of the remaining five players at least two had no pretensions to being masters.

But, and this is an important circumstance, the tournament was a young one and the players were full of energetic rivalry. So it should be realized that Miles's achievement in coming first was a better one than if he had gained first prize in a tournament in which the players were older and, on paper, stronger. He won six games in an incisive style, beating Adorjan, Sax, Sigurjonsson, Horner, Basman and Fuller, losing to Timman and drawing with Nunn, Pritchett and Webb. There is the impressive point that he scored three points out of four against the grandmasters.

His results at the second qualifying event, that at Dubna, were all that one could have wished or demanded from a genuine grandmaster. It was a tournament of high category, being 10 and containing 16 players. Particularly impressive was the quality of the Soviet grandmasters who were all genuine holders of the title. Miles came equal third alongside of such fine grandmasters as Gipslis, Savon and Suetin.

I have not as yet seen any whole games played by Miles in this tournament but the Soviet chess journal *64* gives two fine endings that Miles won.

In the first he had Black against the Soviet master O. Averkin in the following position.



White: Averkin. Black: Miles.

40 . . .	P-B7	41	Kt-K15 ch	K-K2	
42 Q-B1	K-B7	43	Q-R1 ch	K-K7	
44 Q-B2	K-B6	45	Q-R4	P-K16	
46 Q-B6 ch	K-Q5	47	Q-K4	Q-B4	
48 Q-B5 ch	K-K5	49	Q-K3 ch	K-B6	
50 Q-K12 ch	K-B5	51	Q-B3 ch	K-K5	
52 Q-B6 ch	Q-B5	53	Q-Kt7 ch	K-B5	

At this point the game was adjourned and Miles analysed the position to great effect during the interval.

42	Rxp ch	K-Q2	44	K-Kt3	R-Kt7 ch
43	KxP	B-B3 dis ch	45	K-R5	R-Kt4 !

Another fine move that threatens mate in two moves starting with B-Kt7 ch.

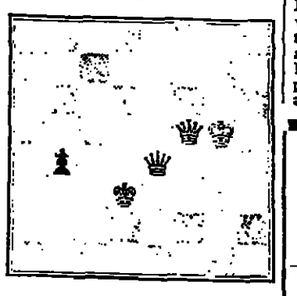
46	R-K2	Kt-B6	47	R-B2	B-Q5

Once again mate is threatened, by B-B4.

48	RxKt	BxR	53	Kt-K13	K-B3
49	Kt-K4	P-Q5	53	B-K3	R-Kt1
50	P-B3	P-Q6	54	K-R2	K-Kt4
51	Kt-Q2	B-B6	resigns.		

He is helpless against the threat of 55 . . ., K-B5; 56 Kt-B1, P-Q5, etc.

In the second he had Black against another Soviet player and *64* says he played a classical ending.



White: A. Donchenko. Black: Miles.

36	Q-B1	K-B7	56	Q-R1 ch	K-K7
37	Q-B2	K-B6	57	Q-R4	P-K16
38	Q-B6	Q-Q5	58	Q-K4	Q-B4
39	Q-B6 ch	K-K7	59	Q-K3 ch	K-B6
40	Q-K12 ch	K-B5	60	Q-B3 ch	K-K5
41	Q-B6 ch	Q-B5	61	Q-Kt7 ch	K-B5

The King is gradually brought into a refuge where it cannot be checked.

58	Q-B8 ch	Q-B4	74	Q-Kt1 ch	K-B7
59	Q-B6 ch	K-R6	75	Q-B2 ch	K-B6
60	Q-KB7	K-R7	76	Q-B7 ch	K-Q7
71	Q-B7	Q-K4 ch	77	Q-R3 ch	K-K7
72	K-R3	Q-K5 !	78	Q-R1	Q-Q8 ch
73	Q-R7 ch	K-K8	79	K-R4	Q-B5 ch
			80	K-R5	

Or 80 K-R5, Q-Kt4 ch; and 81 . . ., P-Kt7.

80 . . .	K-Q7	81	Q-R7	P-Kt7	

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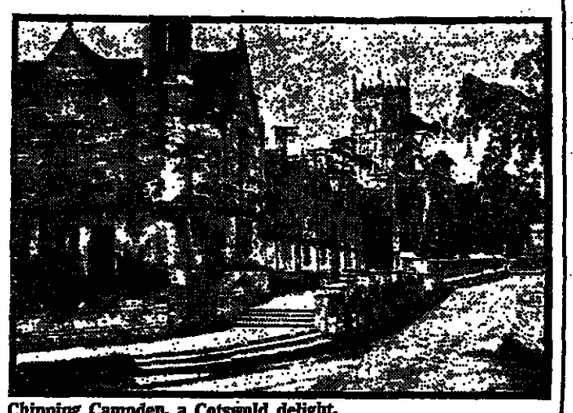
Harry Golombek

Due to pressure of space, the Bridge column has been held over this week.

Travel

The Cotswolds circuit

We drove from Winchcombe, but had hardly cleared the outskirts of the village when I spotted the turning we needed, and swung off the A46 on to a narrow road, sign-posted for Andoversford. The road climbed steeply towards the woods above Corndean and the Stone Age burial mound of Belas Knap, but it was the view below and to our left that caused me to pull into a farm gateway and pause for a while.



Chipping Campden, a Cotswold delight.

Down in the shelter of the Isbourne valley, standing on the bank of the river and close to Winchcombe itself, was Sudeley Castle, golden in the glow of the crisp winter afternoon sunlight. Its very stones seemed to shine out against the dark backcloth of shadows and trees. After Henry VIII's death, Katharine Parr married her former lover, Lord Seymour of Sudeley, but died there in childbirth the following year and is buried in the chapel. In 1643 and 1644, Sudeley Castle was besieged, being the headquarters of Charles I during the Civil War.

I culled the facts from my guidebook, anticipating a visit that day, but was reminded at lunch that this was the "off season" for visitors, so that pleasure will have to wait a while. Even so, the day was far from wasted during our winter weekend excursion into the Cotswolds.

We had lunched in fine style at the George Inn, Winchcombe—an excellent hostelry which has been caring for travellers for around seven centuries. Pilgrims on their way to the shrine at Hailes Abbey or to St Kenelm's tomb in Winchcombe Church would stay there and, as well as the medieval "pilgrims' gallery" preserved in the old courtyard, there is also a stone bath used by the pilgrims.

From Winchcombe our journey took us, by way of Brockhampton, the A436, and the B4068, to Bourton on the Water, a "touristy" village which, even on that darkening afternoon, was busy with visitors. I have visited it many times, as a child and with my own children, wandering through its model village, patronizing its teashops and its model railway exhibition and listening to critics of its "commercialism". This time I discovered a new (for me, anyway) attraction. A bird farm, displaying colourful and interesting species.

Our base for this "off season" weekend was the quite magnificent Lygon Arms at Broadway, an hotel about which I had heard a great deal, but which I had never had opportunity to visit. Broadway, itself, is a place about which I had mixed feelings, having passed through it so many times and having seen it mainly at the height of summer when it is busy with visitors.

"A picture postcard place" was how one friend curtly dismissed it, when told of my impending visit. His attitude, and that of many others, is that Broadway is not "true" Cotswold, despite its correct geographical location, because it has dared to acknowledge that visitors must be cared and catered for. I suppose I half-shared this opinion, and went so far as to express it to Mr Douglas Barrington, the Lygon's managing director.

But he and his wife were able to show me that Broadway is more than a pretty façade—a show put on for the coach touring trade. It is a community with a life and spirit of its own and, when you get on real terms with it, you realize how easy it is to misjudge. As for the Lygon, I think that of all hotels it is the jewel in the Cotswold crown. I have visited many in the area, and know how much they vary. And I know, too, that one cannot compare an establishment like the Lygon with the many small public houses which offer accommodation in Cotswold villages, and do it very well, too.

But the Lygon is in a class of its own, bringing a quality of professionalism to the art of inn-keeping that is usually to be found in capital cities—and then all too rarely. Delayed on our journey from London we arrived well behind schedule on the Friday evening, but from that moment of arrival until our departure after Sunday lunch, the welcome, the service and the feeling of being "at home" never once wavered.

The first mention of the establishment in parish records was in 1532 when it was known as the White Hart, but the present frontage was probably built by John Trevise, the landlord in 1633, for his name and that of his wife, Ursula, are carved over the doorway, with the date 1620. (That happens to be the year of the Mayflower, a coincidence which Douglas Barrington finds useful in promoting the Lygon in the United States.)

We stayed in the modern wing of the hotel, but were shown over its old part, including the room in which Oliver Cromwell is said to have slept before the Battle of Worcester—that "crowning mercy" of the Civil War.

It goes almost without saying that the service was excellent and the food remarkably fine, for had the Lygon failed in this respect I would have mentioned it long before now. It more than lived up to my expectations and should you find yourself able to spend time there, I unhesitatingly recommend you to do so. The Lygon offers its own "package deal"—a three-day break, any time between April and October, for £50 per person. The break may be mid-week or weekend and the price includes a room with bath, full English breakfast, dinner, early morning tea, VAT and service charge.

During the late spring and summer, of course, you will find castles and manor houses open to the public, so there is no lack of things to do and see on a Cotswold visit. Though Broadway is attractive, the most typical of Cotswold towns is probably Chipping Campden—"the most beautiful village street in England", said G. M. Trevelyan.

However, it is futile to attempt any kind of comparison between the villages of the Cotswolds, or to list all the attractions and special events which take place there during spring and summer. The area falls within the Heart of England Tourist Board's region, and you may get information from the board at PO Box 15, Worcester, WR1 3QQ. Send a 25p postal order to cover price and postage and you may obtain from the board a brochure which specifically covers the Cotswolds, as well as material of a general nature.

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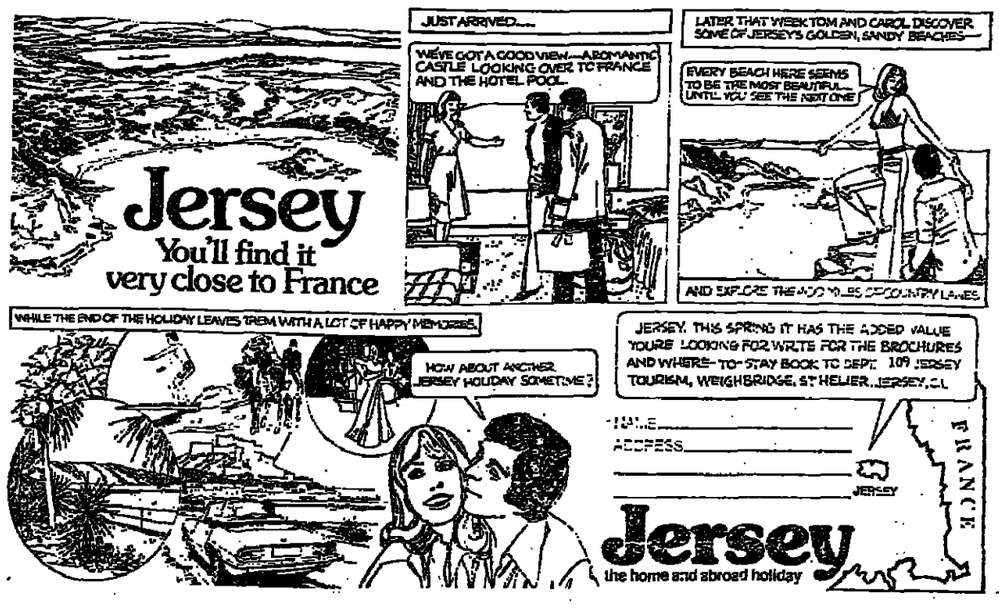
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Rembrandt was not in demand as a teacher simply because he made available life classes. Probably as, or more, important was his elucidation of the best means of expressing what he described as "the most natural movement (or emotion)". This ambivalent translation from a letter Rembrandt wrote in the late 1630s, which is the only literary expression by the artist of his artistic intentions, has been the subject of controversy, but the phrase is thought to sum up Rembrandt's instinctively imaginative search for the most evocative way of expressing the drama of a particular biblical event or mythological scene.

His popularity as a teacher, indeed, probably stemmed from his genius as a storyteller and the manner he adopted to share it. There are drawings—for instance the *Jael and Sisera* in the Ashmolean or a *Joseph interpreting the prisoners' dreams*—which suggest that they were made from set pieces staged by friends in the studio. Rembrandt had assembled a large wardrobe for such events, which would have appealed to his sense of drama and the theatre.

Certainly, there is ample evidence to show that Rembrandt taught by re-working his pupils' narrative essays, and, uniquely, beneath a pupil's drawing of the *Marriage of Rebecca* (in the museum at Stuttgart) he wrote "This should be amplified with many neighbours watching this high (born) bride depart". Thus Rembrandt provided a course in the humanities.

The *precise number* of pupils who thus benefited is not known; but a chart has been published of the approximate time spent with him as pupils by artists whose personalities are otherwise known. They number 33 and cover Rembrandt's career from his *early heyday in Leyden, circa* 1628, to his declining last years in Amsterdam, circa 1666 (just three years before his death).

The *chart includes all sorts.* Earliest among his pupils was Gerard Dou, who soon, left to his own in Leyden, developed an exactingly precise genre style that was to dominate that city for many years after his death. Among the last of Rembrandt's pupils was Aert de Gelder, the only talent to develop the master's late style into a meaningful vehicle of expression that brings to mind the late Goya.

Between Dou and de Gelder, Rembrandt taught both the obscure and the gifted, who quickly discarded Rembrandt's idiosyncratic style and became fashionable: Flinck, Bol, Backer and Maes for instance. But only one genius is known to have been taught by him: Carel Fabritius, whose career was cut off when he died as a result of injuries caused by the explosion of the powder magazine in Delft in 1654. Many of his works were then no doubt destroyed, but to him is *usually attributed the Rijksmuseum Beheading of St John the Baptist*, in which Rembrandt himself posed as the executioner.

Unlike other famous teachers, Rembrandt seems never to have asked assistance from a pupil; he kept his roles as teacher and practitioner separate. However, we can assume that all his pupils imitated his style and many *must have been set the task* of copying his works. Thus, whereas with Rubens, for instance, the role of the studio assistant is acceptable and acknowledged, for Rembrandt the situation is more complex. Studio participation being supposedly non-existent, a painting *traditionally thought to be by* Rembrandt confronts the connoisseur with several possibilities: autographed Rembrandt, pupil's work retouched or reworked by the master (of which a group is known), or a contemporary or later imitation or copy.

The art market tends to draw a black and white distinction between Rembrandt and not Rembrandt; there are interesting and inexpensive opportunities for collectors concentrating on works by his pupils and known circle.

Because of Rembrandt's influence a number of paintings hitherto thought to be autograph can be and have been recently doubted. Partly for this reason, the Dutch Government established the Rembrandt Research Project several years ago. Its aim—arduous and perhaps ultimately impossible—is to attempt to define the precise limits of Rembrandt's painted oeuvre. Its *first volume, dealing with Rembrandt's* activity in Leyden, is eagerly awaited.

At this stage, the least that can be said is that the scientific and spiritual problems faced by the members of the project are in part tributes to Rembrandt's lasting gifts as a teacher, when he sought to impart to unknown dilettantes, wealthy mediocrities and ambitious, gifted artists the complex, hard-won disciplines and the distinctive emotive forces that made his art great.

Gregory Martin

The author is a director of Christie's.



Christ and the Woman of Samaria, attributed to the School of Rembrandt, sold at Christie's in March 1974 for £440.

Gardening

Planting for permanence

From time-to-time the British Agrochemicals Association ask the gardening correspondents to a friendly conference to keep us up to date with modern developments in pesticides, fungicides and weedkillers. Such a get-together took place last week, and I took the opportunity of asking the representative of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food—which conducts an approval scheme for such chemicals—what he meant when he talked about "safe" chemicals to use in the garden.

I recalled that some years ago, when Rachel Carson rocked the world with her book *The Silent Spring*, the editor commanded me to write an article on what I considered were "safe" chemicals. I asked the Ministry for guidance. I spent a pleasant but ineffectual afternoon with their experts since they would not *give me a single quotable* line. There is no such thing as a "safe" chemical, they said. Common salt is toxic if you consume enough of it, and so on.

But at the BAA conference, the Ministry representative said that chemicals approved by the Ministry were considered safe "*if used according to the manufacturers instructions*".

Since the days of the Rachel Carson scare the Ministry has tightened its controls enormously. But in fairness to the manufacturers and the Ministry, we scribes must reiterate some simple points which are all too often forgotten or ignored.

Do read the instructions on the pack or bottle. Do not put in an extra measureful of the chemical "for luck". Do wash your hands after handling chemicals. Wash out thoroughly buckets, sprayers, watering cans or containers you have used when mixing or applying chemicals. Do keep them well away from children or pets—animals can chew through cartons, and children can drink from bottles.

These are all elementary commonsense precautions. It may be objected that certain chemicals previously approved have *been taken off the market*, and this questions the value of the approval scheme. The answer here is that in the past ten to 20 years the Ministry's department dealing with these matters has learnt a great deal about toxicity and other aspects of chemicals, and has greatly *tightened the criteria under* which chemicals are approved.

All right, you may say, where does this leave us as ordinary gardeners? It means that we can be confident that the range of chemical products offered today are as safe as we can expect them to be—*used as recommended.*

This is the time to treat paths and drives with a total, persistent weedkiller such as simazine or Casoron G. It should keep the area clear of weeds for the rest of the growing season.

If you value your lawn you may be troubled because there is a lot of moss in it, or that the worms feeding near the surface as they do in spring, are throwing up a lot of worm casts. You can ignore the moss, and you can go out once or twice a week and switch off the worm casts with a broom. Or you can kill the moss with a mercuric moss killer which, *because it also kills the spores*, keeps your lawn moss free for a season, or you can use a moss killer based on sulphate of iron, such as the ICI Mosskiller, and which will also act as a fertilizer.

Now to turn to something more cheerful—what I call planting for permanence. I have written in the past about my "doctrine of expendability"—that is, planting quick growing *shrubs alongside much slower* growing shrubs, conifers particularly, with the idea in mind that in say ten or 15 years the fast growers will be too large for their lodgings and may be eliminated. During this time the slow growers will have reached their full height and *will have taken over in your* garden landscape.

So what to plant for the long term? I would suggest that for every evergreen, you plant at least one or, preferably, two silver or golden foliaged shrubs, or even one or two variegated shrubs.

For golden or silver foliage I choose for preference the slow growing conifers that will not reach more than, say, ten to 15 *feet eventually*, or some classified as medium sized shrubs growing six feet to ten feet, such as *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* Ellwood's Gold, Fletcher's White, green and white variegated. Then there are forms of *C. pisifera*, notably *C. pisifera* Filifera Aurea which grows only *about three feet high with a* spread of three to four feet, and there are, of course, golden yews which are very slow growing. If there is any history of allergy to plants in your family it may be wise to avoid the junipers as I know of two people, my daughter is one, *whose hands and arms come up* in small blisters if they contact certain junipers.

Moving away from conifers I would put in a word for the forms of *Elaeagnus pungens*, such as Maculata, green and gold, Dicksonii with a wide golden margin, and Variegata which has a creamy yellow margin to the leaves.

A friend offered me some young plants of the California tree poppy *Romneya coulteri* as her plants had spread rather vigorously. I accepted with alacrity because we lost our plants in the 1962-63 winter. They are not reliably hardy and are only really suitable for the warmer districts. They can be rather invasive and need to be kept in bounds. I once saw a garden in Surrey where romneyas were growing in the *border at the foot of a terrace* retaining wall that was about four or five feet high. The plants had grown up behind the wall and surfaced on the terrace above. But its large single white flowers with a mass of golden stamens are most attractive, especially in the evening light when white and yellow flowers are so charming.

The yellow evening primroses are *not seen so often nowadays* and this is a pity. You can buy seeds and plants of the very large flowered dwarf *Oenothera missouriensis* which does very well even on a dry bank, and there are plants to be had of *O. glaber*, with large golden flowers on a plant about 18 inches high, also of Fireworks about the same height, with red buds opening to yellow flowers.

Every year brings its successes and failures, *and this* year has given us the best show of the winter flowering *Iris stylosa*, now to be known by the unlovely name of *I unguicularis*. We inherited a clump at the foot of the house wall facing south. I am afraid, as with many other plants, it has had to fend for itself these past 23 years, and it has not been very generous with its flowers. This year, however, we have had dozens of flowers—ever since the end of 1975.

There as several varieties around—light or dark shades of lilac or lavender, and there used to be a very fine white variety but I have not seen this these many years. It probably still exists somewhere, and if so I would dearly like to locate it.

We all know how much the enthusiasm of specialist societies has contributed to the development of the rose, the dahlia, carnation, sweet pea, chrysanthemum, iris, and other plants. This has in most cases been because members clamoured for newer and better varieties with which to win prizes at local and national shows.

The cinderella of these societies, although it is 19-years-old, is The Hardy Plant Society (Hon Secretary, 10 St Barnabas Road, Emmer Green, Caversham, Reading RG4 8RA). In these stringent times hardy plants must surely be of interest to us all, and it is to be *hoped that this small but* enthusiastic society may have the support it deserves so that it can develop and extend the most useful service it provides for its members. The subscription is only £2 for a year, or £2.50 for a joint husband and wife subscription.

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Wine for all seasoning

The following white wines are all in the "reasonable" price range. Some red wines of similarly novel style will be listed in another article.

White Burgundy is very *multi-purpose, able to be* drunk with fish and certain meat dishes, such as poultry, veal or cold cuts, and certain of the wines that are not too big make good apéritifs as well. The Aligoté grape is possibly best-known for being the foundation of vin blanc cassis (white wine with cassis liqueur), but by itself this grape does tend to make wines that are slightly coarse. A 1974 Bourgogne Aligoté from Chablis, how*ever, is a more elegant ver*sion, the close texture and neat finish examplifying the cooler vineyard—most Aligorés on export markets tend to come from southern Burgundy. Interestingly, it is also typical of the Chablis vineyards and is both dry and firm enough to be good with shellfish. (1974 Bourgogne Aligoté, by Lamblin, Château de Milly par Chablis, £1.40 from Laytons, 11 Gough Square, E.C.4, who can supply only by case lots, *but who will make up mixed* cases).

Spanish white wines often seem no more than adequate and less good than the red. Miguel Torres, of Vilafranca del Penedés, include a really good white in their range, that has a fresh, crisp quality that is remarkable. Their Viña Sol would be a good white wine for fat fish and the type of first courses that are taxing to wine, be*cause of piquancy—smoked* fish and smoked fish pâtés, anything with mayonnaise or a vinagrette dressing—and it is the sort of wine that is likely to please both the lover of well-made whites and also the person who has been smoking or having fairly strong spirit-based apéritifs before the meal. (Torres Viña Sol, bottled in Spain, £1.60 from Harrods).

Etruscan wines are completely new to the United Kingdom. They now have their own D.O.C., Parrina, in south Tuscany. *Vino Vino*, by Bruno Roncarati (Wine & Spirit Publications, £3.50) an up-to-date guide to Italian D.O.C. wines, states that the whites must be made from a minimum of 80 per cent of the Trebbiano Toscano grape, which gives a gentle, vanilla-like bouquet and clean, almost *minerally* dry finish after a moderately full-bodied flavour. The Tenuta La Parrina of Mar*chesa Spinola Giumbol*, shipped by Hunt & Braithwaite, is another example of a white wine of a quality previously seldom found in such southern vineyards, and it would be a good choice with such dishes as combine meat or poultry with fish, thereby posing problems as to the wine. (Vino Etrusco La Parrina, D.O.C. bianco, £1.55 from Selfridges).

The dry white wines of the estates in the Sauternes region used formerly to be made solely for the use of the owner and house guests, *but in recent years some* have been marketed. They cannot be described as Sauternes because this AOC requires that such wines are sweet, so that their description is a modest Bordeaux Supérieur, but, with their enticing flowery bouquet and curious *full* but dry style they appeal to many people who like to sense summer and the profundity of a great estate in certain white wines. Doisy-Daene, in the centre of Haut-Barsac, makes a wine that is ample but never too much so. The DDG and Vin Sec is a wine for fine fish, plainly cooked, and in my view it would also go well with roast veal and even roast pork. British style, because the large-scale nature of the wine would be up to partnering the crackling and also the apple sauce. (*DDG* and Vin Sec 1973, £1.89 from Dolamore, 16 Paddington Green, W2, and their branches in Oxford and *Cambridge.*)

A classic Sauvignon that is a mere VDQS but far better than many AOC wines, comes from Haut Poitou, just north of Poitiers. Its remarkable bouquet soars from the glass, very fresh, "green" and with the steely flavour of this great grape; this is for apéritif drinking before fine wines, or something to please those who love shellfish, egg-based first courses, or to partner salads of fish or chicken at buffet parties. It is the sort of wine that is of astonishing quality *and undemanding but satis*fying style, so that one seldom tires of it. (Sauvignon de Haut Poitou, Richaumoine, £1.53 from Whiclar Wines, Bridge, Nr Canterbury, Kent.)

A sparkling wine for an afternoon party, such as a wedding anniversary, or for the special toast at the end of a family celebration meal should not be too dry, and, *preferably, of uncomplicated* appeal. A new Moscato d'Asti, Rizzi, is an obvious charmer; it may also be served as an apéritif, or with the sort of hors d'oeuvres that include raw ham with melon or figs, or anything involving mayonnaise, its *fruitiness will cut the* unctuousness of such foods as vitello tonnato and cold fish in a chaudfroid. (Rutherford Osborne & Perkin's Rizzi, Moscato d'Asti, £1.90 from Drake Vintners, 33/35 Old Nichol Street, EC2.) For those planning Easter weddings, good Asti is well worth bearing in mind, as it will please old and young and, in the afternoon, be less *taxing to those who have* been eating only canapés than anything bone dry.

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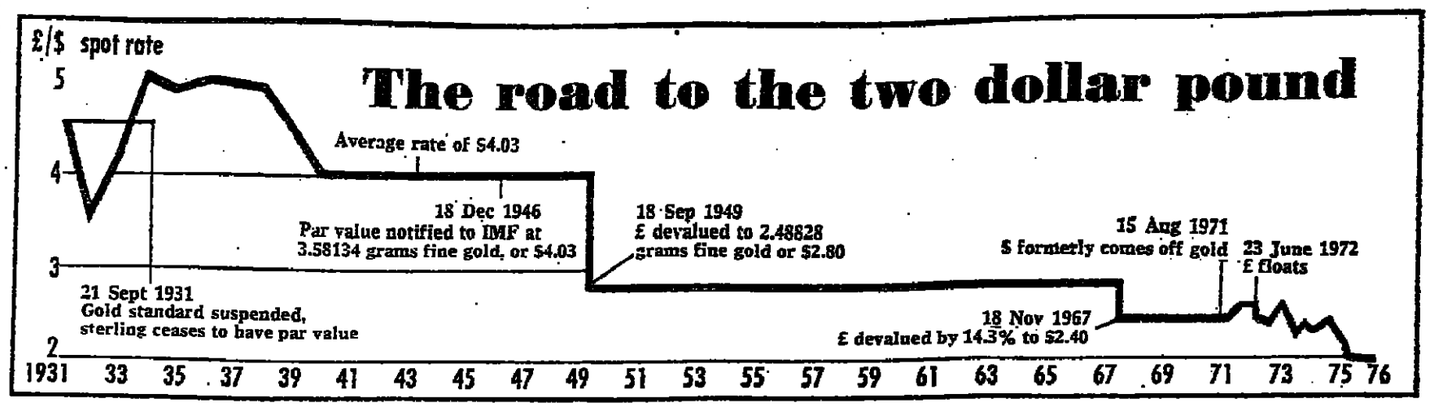
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As sterling reaches another milestone on a downward path against the dollar...

Have we yet seen the end of the slide of the pound?



For most people there is probably no more eloquent testimony to Britain's declining economic position in the world than the steady slide in the external value of sterling. Thus, yesterday's fall in the pound's exchange rate against the dollar to below $2.00 for the first time ever, must inevitably appear as another milestone in the secular descent that has been evident since the First World War.

Yet, while it is true that the pound has over 60 years suffered an enormous erosion in its international purchasing power, its fall below $2.00 is more a reflection of the relative levels of inflation in Britain and the United States than a measure of this country's absolute decline. Indeed, history has witnessed several changes of fortune in the relationship between the two currencies, although in recent years the pound has tended to fare worse than the dollar.

It is generally appreciated, even if somewhat dimly, that the years before 1914 were the halcyon days for sterling, when it bestrode the financial world like a colossus.

Most of the world trade was financed, invoiced and settled in sterling; most internationally owned assets were denominated in sterling; and most of official reserves, apart from gold, were held in sterling. This period in the currency's history began in the later part of the last century.

But the First World War was to prove a watershed. From the very outset of war the export of specie and bullion was banned in belligerent countries. In Britain sterling remained convertible in theory; but Bank of England officials did their utmost to discourage anyone from insisting on his right. If he could not be dissuaded, his notes would be exchanged for sovereigns, but his name was apparently placed on a blacklist; and he was subjected to special search at ports of embarkation if he ever left the country.

In outward form, free foreign exchange markets continued to function in London, Paris and other centres. Forward exchange operations were suspended; but in practice there was nothing to prevent speculative buying and selling of foreign notes. Most governments, however, adopted a policy of supporting their currencies. From 1915 sterling was systematically supported in New York.

The local agents for the British Treasury, J. P. Morgan and Co, stood ready to buy sterling at the official rate of $4.7640. Official support is recorded as having cost the country $800m. Rather than interfere with the freedom of the foreign exchanges, the British Government introduced in 1915 the McKenna duties, at 33 per cent, on a limited range of goods. For a long time nothing was done to prevent the export of Bank of England notes which commanded a premium over the exchange rate of sterling in Switzerland. But when it was discovered that the premium was due to German purchases for the purpose of financing their military expenditure in the Middle East, it was decided to stop the traffic.

However, in March, 1919, the pegging of Allied exchange rates was terminated and restrictions were removed or relaxed in the victorious countries. But soon the sterling exchange rate began to slide, falling to $4.429 (on average) in 1919 and to $3.661 in the following year.

It became the declared policy of the Government during the early postwar years to restore the exchange rate to its prewar parity.

So long as exchange rates remained exposed to wide fluctuations it was impossible, according to the prevailing orthodoxy of the time, to deal effectively with problems of budgetary equilibrium that were a necessary condition for a stabilization of the domestic price level.

When Britain did eventually return to the gold standard in 1925, it did so at the pre-war parity of $4.8665 or 7.322382 grams of fine gold to the pound, which because of the intervening changes in national price levels was a manifestly overvalued exchange rate. The dollar and the French franc, meanwhile, were both undervalued, the former slightly, and the latter excessively.

To maintain the 1925 parity, Britain had to tolerate high levels of unemployment for many years. Sterling at this time still maintained its importance in world finance. But the dollar and, to a lesser extent, the French franc were emerging as serious competitors to the pound's monopoly.

The crisis of 1931 was to have a profound effect on sterling's position. Following the crisis in Central Europe a sweeping attack developed on sterling during August 1931. The time-honoured response of raising the bank rate proved insufficient and large support had to be given to the currency by the Bank of England.

The gold standard was suspended and sterling was allowed to find its own level. It dropped over 30 per cent during the following months, to $3.372; and over the ensuing three years the exchange rate ranged between $3.276 and $5.154.

Before 1931 all of the world was a sterling region, but with the suspension of convertibility, sterling's world began to shrink, a process that has continued ever since. The regionalization of sterling really begins from this time. A large number of countries, especially those of the Commonwealth, allowed their currencies to follow sterling down and thus created the Sterling Area.

After this the dollar moved into the front line. As a result of a banking crisis in the United States and heavy withdrawals of foreign funds from that country, the dollar too was allowed to depreciate. Indeed, the United States Government declared itself in favour of a deliberate depreciation of the dollar.

This marked the beginning of the international exchange depreciation race which threatened to create chaos.

The World Economic Conference in London during the summer of 1933, which was an attempt to avert this by means of an agreed stabilization of exchange rates, failed to achieve any results. In January, 1934, the dollar, however, was restabilized after a 59.06 per cent devaluation, to $35 a fine ounce.

After a series of devaluations in 1936, Britain the United States and France concluded an agreement, known as the Tripartite Agreement (even though several other countries joined later). The participating governments undertook to abstain from deliberately excessive depreciations of their currencies and to consult if it became impossible to resist pressure on the exchanges.

Some stability returned to the currency markets. But in 1939, the year the Second World War began, the pound fell from $4.687 to $4.030 where it was held by the authorities right through until 1949. Tight exchange controls were imposed more quickly than during the First World War, and the end of the war found most belligerent countries with exchange rates still more or less at the levels at which they stood (or to which they were reduced) at the beginning of the war. The lesson of the early period after the First World War had not been forgotten and exchange rates were not quickly unpegged.

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The army, beating a well-worn path up Everest for no special reason except pleasure

Katmandu

Spring, the first cuckoo and a new mountaineering season have arrived in Nepal. In Katmandu the weather has the warmth of a good English summer. Along the high spine of the Himalayas loose winter snow is avalanching and melting away to leave the firm climbing ice of summer.

Ten expeditions are now advancing towards the mountains. Spaniards and Czechs are to attempt climbs on Makalu, Italians have booked a new route on Dhaulagiri I, South Koreans are on Manaslu, French on Annapurna IV, and Japanese are attempting Jannu Lhotse and Lamjung.

The British are on Everest, unashamedly repeating the original route climbed in 1953 and followed successfully since by eight expeditions and unsuccessfully by four.

Although climbing technology has made steeper and more direct routes feasible, even on the 8,000 metre peaks of the Himalayas, Everest by any route remains the summit of the world. This season in Nepal is remarkable for the sharp fall in the number of expeditions setting out. Before the monsoon last year the Japanese alone mounted nine attempts. The signs are that the effects of inflation in the busy, materialistic outside world are penetrating Nepal.

In spite of this, the caravans of trackers and climbers who come to admire Nepal's super mountain scenery continue, and have become an important earner of foreign currency and a vital source of income for the Sherpa people. The authorities keep careful watch upon who climbs where and new rules were recently introduced. Mountains must be booked, royalties paid (Everest cost 15,000 rupees, about £600), plans and climbers approved and Sherpas insured for sums they could not expect to earn in several reincarnations.

The Nepalese preserve their peaks and remote areas conscientiously. Hundreds of fine mountains remain unclimbed because they are out of bounds for security or religious reasons, and only a handful of well known names appear on the "permitted" list.

But the present Everest expedition, which is being mounted jointly by the British and Royal Nepalese armies, have received excellent cooperation from the authorities. A new rule which greeted the climbers allowed only two large and 12 small radio sets on any one mountain. The army arrived with six large and 25 small "walkie talkie" sets to ensure absolutely reliable communication on Everest. Plessey, the British electronics firm, provided a powerful unit for Everest testing and the authorities have agreed to increase the radio cover to match the size of the mountain. The expedition leaders are now negotiating another ruling that the soldiers must not use explosives to reduce the objective dangers in the Khumbu ice fall. This apparently follows a newspaper story in Britain that the army intended to blast its way to the top of Everest. The hint of howitzers alarmed the Nepalese authorities.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tony Streather, expedition leader, said this was a very unfortunate impression. Other expeditions winding their way through the treacherously-perched blocks and towers of ice had used explosives to make dangerous and unavoidable parts more safe. The Hunt expedition went to Everest armed with a two-inch mortar and one other group used 20 "bangs" to clear a safer path into the western cwm. The Army's use of explosives would be highly selective and controlled by a specialist from the SAS. "At the moment this is not to be and we will have to make as safe a way through the ice fall as possible without the benefit of explosives. But we are still negotiating on this question," Lieutenant-Colonel Streather said. The ice fall is potentially the most dangerous part of the entire climb and has claimed many lives. Yet the men, to be military, are in excellent heart and morale is high. The Army Mountaineering Association selected Everest five years ago as a culmination to several Himalayan expeditions. The club has climbed Tirich and Mir, Annapurna I, Menthosa [illegible] Hidrasan and ten other lesser peaks. Last year in preparation for Everest, they attempted Nuptse, a 25,800 foot neighbour which is technically harder than the south col route.



A member of the Bonnington expedition last autumn.

On the climb four people were killed. The tragedy certainly modified ambition on Everest and led to the traditional route rather than the west ridge or the south-west face climbed last autumn by the Bonnington expedition. Looked at from an armchair, the old way up the mountain may seem to have a worn look. In fact, Everest by any route is dangerous, because of its sheer height. Even the trek to the bottom is not without problems and such firms as Yeti Travel, Third Eye Tours and Sherpa Trekking Services warn that the spectacular trail holds unromantic pitfalls. In the river valleys, says one brochure encouragingly, malarial attack is a possibility. Amoebic dysentery, diarrhoea and other diseases are also a hazard, in addition to cholera, smallpox, typhoid and infectious hepatitis.

The soldiers claim the attempt is the first for no special reason other than the hardy pleasure of climbing Everest and that it will also be the first by one small club—albeit a small club with the blessings of a large army. The number of army climbers have been increased to 34 and that of high-altitude porters reduced to 15, so the logistic pyramid which hopefully will put up to eight men on the summit will be maintained largely by British, Nepalese and Gurkha soldiers. Three groups have already departed on the 200-mile walk-in from Katmandu. The long caravans of porters and climbers will take until late March to reach Pheriche and set up an acclimatization camp. Work on the ice fall will begin early in April.

For such an athletic endeavour, some of the mountaineers are at present a trifle on the portly side, but this may be excused and can even be deliberate. One man with a mildly straining waistline explained "unless I go out pretty plump, I come back looking like a gypsy's dog, and the wife goes mad".

As an exercise in slimming, climbing Everest has no equal.

Ronald Faux

How Henry Cotton is st preaching golf gospel

Sportsview

The Grand Old Man of British golf, Henry Cotton, if that is not too venerable a description, has bobbed up again as buoyant as a cork on the ground-swell of Portugal's revolution.

Penina, the course he built in that country and grew to love, lies behind him, a broken dream. Those who let him go are said now to be wanting him back, but there is little to attract him there apart from the money he has left behind.

In Sotogrande's second course he has found the challenge, which at the age of 69 he is still willing to accept, of making a go of things. About the time he decided it was politic to leave Portugal that course, lying inland from and above the original one, came near enough to completion for it to require someone to manage it and put it on the map. Within a few days Henry Cotton decided to take the job and for the past six months has, with the help of his wife Toots, been finding his feet there.

Things may not be quite as they were. At Penina he was uncrowned king with a staff in his office and in his home. Mrs Cotton's voice softens as she recalls the visitor from Penina who brought grapefruit, oranges and mimosa from their old garden in the villa near the hotel which was their home. Today she makes do with a patio, and at the club her husband administers, teaches and serves in the shop with less help.

Not that he regrets the decision. He has never been frightened of hard work; his mind and body are incredibly active for a man of his years. He is a character in whose presence others recharge their batteries, a fountain where the minds of others are refreshed.

It is typical of him that one of the aids to his coaching is a discarded lorry tyre. He first thought of the idea in the Thirties but it did not then catch the imagination of his pupils as it does today. They are exhorted to flay this tyre, thus learning to feel and to exert the power of the hands and wrists which is a keynote of his teaching. For years he has been preaching the gospel that golf is 85 per cent hands on the physical side, whereas for years popular theory would not have put it higher than 50 per cent. Now Henry Cotton sees in the technique of leading Americans like Weiskopf and Miller with their "open to shut" method, a shift in teaching and the justification of his own views.

Golfers of international class and budding professionals still come to him for advice, but it is the longer handicap player who stands to gain most from the bracing atmosphere of his mind—the rich, the middle-aged, the mixed group.

Behind the counter in his shop hangs an old poster for the Palladium in 1938 with Cotton's name at the top of the bill. It recalls the act he put on when, the lights dimmed, he would fire celluloid balls into the audience wearing illuminated gloves, shoes and wielding an illuminated shaft. The showmanship he acquired there lingers on in the sessions of group coaching he gives. He knows how to raise a laugh with his dead-pan expression, but he leaves no doubt that he is the one in control.

"No wonder you can't play", he says mock severely after yet another pupil with more dollars than athletic talent has sent a ball writhing and squirming down the hill of the ample practice ground. To another who has been belabouring the tyre fit to burst: "You are out of condition, aren't you?" The fact that the man addressed is past 50 and probably ruler of an industrial empire makes it all the funnier. The humour of it is never lost on Henry, and very seldom on his pupils.

"Go on, hit the thing: you're not hitting it!", he rails at some lovely wife who has always left the carpet-beating to the maid. Yet it never descends to pantomime. Without taking sides in a d neque, one are two outst in his method relaxed; tries the tension t he helps to half-baked th to get left i glancing cas infinity of ins "Play by his awed aud a sawn-off cl too on the inside of th treats them t he has preach almost in sl goes well d ground; the increasing th swing he send "All in the h a wizard whos ball is complet

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You have to be fit to take a fitness test

For, someone whose main exercise is a little light snooker the National Coal Board's fitness test for mine rescue workers was as salutary as three rounds with Henry Cooper. And, with any luck, I may have been one of the last people to take it. Modern medical opinion is shifting away from the traditional acute fitness test designed to exhaust its victims into panting heaps. It is being replaced by a sophisticated and comprehensive test regarded as a new dimension in the assessment of fitness, and suitable for adoption throughout industry and the services.

I was guinea-pig No 379—the others were all mine rescue men—who underwent the new fitness test as part of a research programme sponsored by the Coal Board and the Medical Research Council.

But, first, I faced the trial that has been the standard one for pit rescuers since 1954: the dreaded Harvard pack test, invented at Harvard University during the last war. Because it is exhausting and potentially dangerous, I was examined at the mine rescue station in the Rhondda to see if I was fit enough to take it.

I was weighed, measured, had my heart, lung and kidney function checked, inspected for hernia and eye and ear defects, questioned about smoking and had my body fat measured with calipers. I made three basketball-style leaps—there is a link between general fitness and the height you can reach in a standing jump—then I blew three times into a machine which measures lung performance. "You got a good result", the doctor said, "because you gave up smoking five years ago".

The Harvard pack test is simple. You wear a leather waistcoat fitted with lead weights equivalent to one-third of your body weight. My weights were 56lb. A metronome is started, and to its relentless tick, you step on and off a platform 16in high at the rate of one step every two seconds. For five minutes. It is simple, and devastating.

A nurse with a stopwatch called out the minutes. After three I felt I had reached the limit of physical endurance. The next minute was won by a mix of determination, an irrational unwillingness to disappoint those watching, and irrational pride. The final tortured minute was ludicrous defiance.

Over the next few minutes my pulse was monitored to gauge heart recovery rate. And after some calculations the doctor gave me a certificate: passed fit for mine rescue.

For Dr John Cotes, a chest specialist at the Medical Research Council pneumoconiosis unit at Llandough Hospital, Cardiff, the Harvard pack test is too crude a measure. It can cause damage, it can even kill; it is unfair to shorter men, takes no account of willpower and cannot be repeated easily.

"Today we need a comprehensive way of measuring fitness, but we don't want to test people to destruction," Dr Cotes said. "The pack test can pick out prospective coronary cases partly by causing a coronary episode in certain cases. We want a test that anyone can take in safety."

But what is fitness? And fitness for what? Doctors find that difficult to answer. But at a time when the threshold age for heart attacks is becoming lower—because, as a nation, we are fatter and lazier, worry more, and exercise less than we used to—doctors look on aerobic capacity as a critical guide to fitness. This is the capacity of the lungs and heart and circulation to deliver oxygen to the muscles, the volume of blood ejected by each heartbeat.

"Heart attacks are the greatest single cause of the loss of experienced manpower in industry and business," Dr Cotes said.

"And with the huge investment in executive skills, it is not surprising that some companies are becoming more interested in the fitness of their top men. In Sweden, Volvo executives have to go to the gym once a week, and their fitness reports are on the managing directors' desk along with their production figures. In America the typical executive is no longer a paunchy smoker, but a lean jogger; and heart attack figures have fallen."

Dr Cotes, an expert on breathlessness (he designed the breathing gear for the 1953 Everest expedition) believes the new test that he and others have developed for the coal board is the best fitness "ruler" available. It is suitable for children and for elderly people.

Like the preliminary to the Harvard pack test it involves a general medical and measurement of body fat. The fat-free weight of the body, worked out by a formula, is used as a reference, rather than gross body weight. The central part of the test is a treadmill which is walked for 10 minutes at the equivalent of three mph, with the gradient being increased to make the work harder. I took the test, wired to an electrocardiograph, and drawing breath through a tube so that lung performance could be measured.

The Harvard pack test is being abandoned by the National Coal Board in favour of the new test. Dr Iain McIntyre, the board's assistant medical officer in south Wales, said: "As an assessment of the whole man the new test is more revealing than any yet devised. I think it could be adopted as the standard test in industry, in business and the services. It meets our need to know just how fit we are."

Trevor Fishlock

George Hutchinson

Immigration: Mr Whitelaw's challeng

In the sphere of immigration (among other contentious issues) Mr Roy Jenkins has met his match—and perhaps rather more. In Mr Whitelaw, who has assumed Opposition responsibility for Home Office affairs in place of Mr Ian Gilmour, he will find a sceptical and vigilant critic, not easily deceived. Other intimations apart, this was evident from Mr Whitelaw's contribution to Thursday's debate on race relations.

Mr Whitelaw, who is Mrs Thatcher's deputy, is determined to establish the truth about immigration—a truth so far concealed or disguised from us by a combination of governmental incompetence and Opposition ineptitude. In consequence, nobody knows the full reality: everything has been muddled, confused, clouded. What we do know, however, is that the number of New Commonwealth immigrants is greater than has been acknowledged. But the volume remains uncertain.

Both of the ruling parties are responsible for this failure. Neither is blameless. Mr Whitelaw now intends to redeem the Opposition by eliciting the facts (if he can) and then making them known.

To begin with, he is insisting that Sir Claus Moser's report to the Home Secretary should become public. Sir Claus, head of the Central Statistical Office, was called in after the recent (and astounding) exposure of Home Office miscalculations. His report, no doubt severely critical of the Home Office, might be suppressed but for Mr Whitelaw's determination that it should be published.

What is more, Mr Whitelaw wants a small independent committee to produce recommendations for the future compilation of immigration statistics, so that we may all know where we stand. As always, his policies are informed by good sense and an instinctive understanding of the public mood.

□ A young industrialist, Mr David Abel-Smith, has been giving his mind to the Tory Party in Parliament. He finds it wanting—wanting in members with industrial knowledge and experience. He asks himself why, and finds an answer. One reason, he concludes, is that industry is itself at fault, discouraging parliamentary candidature by its conventional "career structure".

Mr Abel-Smith has just written a paper on the subject, in which he suggests that companies with sufficient resources ought instead to be encouraging their younger "fliers" to enter Parliament by undertaking to make good any loss of income, rather as trade unions do with "sponsored" MPs.

In industry, he writes, "parliamentary candidature can put a career structure in jeopardy". One of his proposals is that "a supporting company or companies would have to provide an adequate level of 'expenses' to make up the difference between the individual's parliamentary salary and anticipated salary progressions had he remained a full-time industrial-commercial employee".

Another, and perhaps even more important point, is this: that companies should give "an undertaking to make their best efforts to re-employ the individual concerned in a position comparable to that in which he was formerly employed should his parliamentary career come to an unexpected conclusion".

Mr Abel-Smith has circulated his paper among fellow industrialists, nobody else. I have news for him. His thoughts will be endorsed by Mrs Thatcher, who was speaking to me about these very things not long ago. She is of much the same mind, and will be trying to persuade industrialists to cooperate

□ More news. There is to be another change in the higher direction of the Conservative Central Office. After two years, Mr Alec I tor of publicity, off shortly to join on government some recent col (Mr Michael Wol Webster) he w own accord—to Although pleased appointment, M leave Smith Squa

Meanwhile, Mr captured Patrick is to join her The description writer" is slight For one thing, army of speech- is no such body- it suggests that cannot or will not own speeches: sh so, spending hour the process. Dr in fact help with tion and research

As he was sayi other day: "Wor tical language are importance. Unless employed by politi essentially their ow ship is diminish employed a lot o prepare drafts of and even of his nobody would sugg thing coming fro was other than tively his own."

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IIS WAY AND THAT IN ULSTER

r Mr Whitelaw's method ging their heads together, r Rees's method of letting get on with it, has given to a form of "power g" or "partnership in ment" capable of stand- in Northern Ireland. That is temporarily, perhaps nently, blocked. Mr s well-intentioned request referendum on the issue peal over the heads of esently elected politicians es the neglect the Govern- is awarding it.

olved government remains better arrangement for ern Ireland. But it will ome quickly, and when it come it is now less likely ke the form of "power ig" than the form of mentary orthodoxy hedged by constitutional guaran- of civil liberties, by judicial w, and by the "establish- " of the minority's repre- tives in the public arrange- s of the province below the of provincial government.

anwhile, to judge from Rees's statement in the *mons yesterday, the exten-* of rule by Westminster is ded to provide a cooling-off od. *It would be fanciful to* ose that the period will be e to that use. The opinion is *times expressed, in Ireland* nuch as in England, that er would be better off if a sweep was made of its icians. No pay, after May 7, no constitutional forum in h to sound off may send vidual politicians into the lows (Mr Paisley will not be ng them) and may be a ent of political bodies (the P is at risk). But one may uite certain that the activity olitics in Ulster will remain a state of frenzied agitation.

may be the official hope that ew bunch of more realistic conciliatory politicians will erge. The opposite is at least ikely to occur. Something will end on the extent to which present institutional crudity direct rule is softened. Two ngs in particular need to be e, one of which is impossible. the sole legislature for rthern Ireland is to continue some time to be the Westminster Parliament, there is an unanswerable case in equity, and a strong requirement from the practicality of parliamentary business, for the proportion of Ulster MPs to their electors to be made to correspond to the proportions elsewhere in the kingdom: there should, that is, be from four to eight more of them. But there is no conceivable way in which a parliament can be enlarged during its lifetime. Promises may be made about future intentions, but nothing immediate can be done.

Local government also needs particular attention if direct rule is to be made more palatable. The "Macrory reform" of 1973, *for reasons which seemed good* at the time, transferred important local government functions from local councils to nominated bodies or to the provincial assembly. There is now no provincial assembly so the Secretary of State finds himself administering an excessively centralized system while local councillors find themselves with little of importance to do. The drawbacks of chopping and changing local government organization may have to be accepted as the price of temporarily providing an outlet for the constructive energies of politically minded Ulstermen.

The dangers stalking the next phase in Northern Ireland are plain to see. They are dangers provocative of civil war. One of the foremost is that hitherto constitutionally inclined loyalists will (as some have threatened to do) seek to enforce their will in the matter of devolved government by organizing civil disobedience against the Secretary of State's administration. If backing for that course were forthcoming, if civil disobedience *on the part of the majority*, unionist, Protestant population proved widespread, systematic and sustained, the Westminster Parliament would be entitled to regard itself as absolved from the constitutional guarantees of union by the action of the very people to whose benefit the guarantees are primarily directed. The consequence may be sufficient to dissuade them from the course.

Another obvious danger is that, with representative politics in eclipse, political pretensions and status and power will pass to the paramilitary organizations. If the Government persists in its readiness to parley with those bodies behind the scenes their political recognition will be rapidly facilitated. This consideration prompts the advice—Mr Rees had it from the Opposition yesterday, and the Prime Minister may also have had it from the Taoiseach—not to leave a vacuum where representative politics previously went on, but to keep *the Convention in some sort of* being or form an advisory council from other material.

In that way a legitimate counterpoise to the paramilitaries is kept, the political process and search for common ground can continue, the demagogues may get up to less mischief, and earnest men of Ulster politics may be less likely to despair. There is force in the contention. But the fate of the nominated advisory council enlisted to assist Mr Whitelaw after the prorogation of Stormont was to be widely disregarded where it was not despised; while politicians possessed of the confidence they derive from an electoral mandate can hardly be expected to be helpful if they are called together for no purpose other than to offer advice.

This is only one of the matters requiring decision, and then requiring reconsideration in the light of events. The whole range of security policies is another such matter. The physical organization of the Northern Ireland Office and the disposition of its ministers as they settle in for an indefinite period of direct rule is another. If the *government* to be provided for Ulster is to be "positive", as Mr Rees desires, these decisions *must be taken without delay and* by the man who will implement them. It is widely believed that Mr Rees has earned and will receive relief from his arduous post. If so, it should be at once. If not, the fact should be proclaimed. Northern Ireland has been made to suffer much for the convenience of prime ministers in their Cabinet moves and choice of time for dissolution. On this occasion let the needs of Northern Ireland be put first.

LOW CHANGE IN MOSCOW

e *Soviet party congress has* luced the average age of sixteen-man Politburo from htly over sixty-six to slightly ler sixty-six. That is the ent of the generational nge thought necessary at s moment in Soviet history.

Brezhnev, aged sixty-nine, nains firmly at the helm, litically strong but physically uncertain shape, and no heir parent is to be seen being oomed for the succession. Mr rilenko, at sixty-nine, might ep into the breach if Mr ezhnev faltered now, but in a ar or two there will probably stronger candidates.

Coming up are Mr Grigory manov, 53, the Leningrad rty chief, whose interests are ostly in industry and econ- ics, and Mr Dmitry Ustinov, party secretary in charge of fence. But lest anybody should ink that the technocrats and fence experts are the only ople who matter, Mr Suslov, e elderly guardian of party eology, is placed second only Mr Brezhnev in the list of e new Central Committee. herwise it remained only to l the party leadership of Mr lyansky, *whose failure to grow* ough wheat was the main barrassment of the past five ars.

In many ways it is not rprising that change has been limited. In the first place e system itself does not courage gradual regeneration om within because it puts premium on conformity, ability, obedience and orthodox inking. Secondly, apart from riculture, things are not going o badly for the Soviet Union. *As Mr Kosygin pointed out in* his economic report, national income rose 34 per cent in the past five years, real wages rose 20 per cent, and retail trade 36 per cent. More than eleven million dwellings were built. Although plans were not fulfilled, especially in consumer goods and agriculture, there was sufficient growth to stave off serious trouble among the people, who have low expectations, or the politicians, who have limited scope for criticism. In foreign policy too, in spite of setbacks, the record was good enough.

The next five years are likely to be more difficult. This is *already acknowledged in more* modest plans. There will be less for the consumer as priorities *shift back to heavy industry*, and there is no sign of any real cutback in the enormous defence effort, which, according to the latest American estimates absorbs about 15 per cent of the gnp. As Mr Kosygin said, "we shall, as before, take care of our glorious armed forces". Strains could arise in relations with eastern Europe, where the people may take less easily to reductions in the consumer boom they have enjoyed over the past five years, particularly since they will know that rising Russian oil prices are at least as much to blame as the west's inflation and recession.

Altogether the Soviet Union is now approaching more difficult decisions. At home it will be trying to improve quality in the consumer market and quantity in agriculture without introducing reforms or incentives that could unsettle the system. Abroad it faces growing problems in its *relations with the West, where* détente is viewed with growing scepticism. President Ford, who is now being challenged mainly from the right, has dropped the word from his vocabulary, and elsewhere it is becoming more suspect.

The Russians may now be faced more sharply with the contradictions in their own position. On the one hand Mr Brezhnev says that "the Soviet Union does not interfere in the internal affairs of other countries and peoples". On the other hand he not only interferes in Portugal and Angola but tells the party congress in forceful terms that "our party supports and will continue to support peoples fighting for their freedom". He calls upon the capitalist countries to promote *détente while saying that* "we make no secret of the fact that we see détente as the way to create more favourable conditions for peaceful socialist and communist construction". He asks the West to help his economy while he devotes disproportionate resources to armaments which are used against Western interests.

Of course he is right that détente does not mean the end of rivalry in many fields. The Americans were unrealistic if they expected the sort of truce envisaged in some of the early speeches of Dr Kissinger. But if the Russians want to give higher priority to the adversary element in the relationship *it is bound to* be at the expense of the cooperative element. The West will *therefore have to do more to take* up the challenge, though it should not fall into the old trap *of seeing every foreign policy* decision in terms of East-West confrontation.

he British Library

rom Professor Hugh Thomas

r, the Government wishes to save oney. One excellent way of doing lis would be to stop work for good ıd all on a new British (national) ibrary, despite the arguments hich have gone on about this natter, and despite the decisions hich have apparently already been aken.

There would be one other normous and positive benefit from his action: it would enable scholars o continue to work in a series of ooms of great distinction and eauty which will obviously not be epeated in the proposed new uilding.

I have the feeling that those who re responsible for planning these hings simply do not realize the esthetic pleasure and intellectual timulus gained thereby from work- ng regularly under the great dome f Panizzi which crowns the present leading Room. Innumerable people rom all over the world for many ears have felt exactly as Lord urzon did, their cares fell from heir shoulders as they enter this uperb room with its great histori- al associations.

It is true that the Reading Room s sometimes crowded, particularly n summer, when research students rom abroad arrive, but if really ecessary I believe that new uxiliary rooms could be found earby at a fraction of the cost of new building on a new site.

As for the delay said to be caused by the need to bring books from remote depositaries outside London, the inconvenience this causes has been exaggerated. What is a day or two's wait to a *serious* reader? But if a site has already been secured, and plans begun, perhaps that proposed building could be turned into a large depositary whence books could be taken to the present Reading Room and its annexes.

Then it is sometimes said that it is "essential" that such institutions as the Science Reference Library, now split up, should be brought under one roof with the present British Library, but that and similar arguments simply reflect special interests which happen to have had eloquent friends at one time or another in the past. This is shown by the fact that there is no plan for the British Library's newspaper division to be brought up from the remote and inaccessible suburb of Colindale to the centre of London, though easy access to that is as "essential" to some such as myself as are other more favoured *divisions* to others.

So here is a good opportunity for the Government to save money and preserve one of the best things in English intellectual life.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH THOMAS,
Graduate School of Contemporary European Studies,
University of Reading,
Reading.

Use of parameters

From Professor P. Armitage

Sir, Philip Howard's article on hyperparametritis is timely. The technical use of the word "parameter" in statistical theory to mean a quantity which determines the distribution of a random variable, and which can be estimated from sample data, is essential and unambiguous. Scientists are accustomed to the technical use of words like "force" and "energy" which have looser meanings in ordinary conversation, and so should not be too pedantic.

It is, however, disturbing to find a word used, with different meanings in so many different scientific disciplines. In some of these branches of science the word may, for all I know, be as firmly entrenched and defensible as in statistics.

One quite unnecessary and very common usage is not mentioned by your correspondent. In many medical books and articles "parameter" is used to denote any measurement made on a patient. Thus, in a clinical study, the investigator may say that he observed ten parameters for each patient. A statistician would use the words "variable" or "variate". This particular anomaly causes particular anguish to medical statisticians like
Yours faithfully,
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Keppel Street, WC1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Solzhenitsyn on weakness of the West: policies with a concern for oppression

From the Rev Paul Oestreicher

Sir, Free men and women owe an immeasurable debt to Alexander Solzhenitsyn, both as a chronicler of hope and love in the midst of terror and fear and as a human being of heroic stature. Being human, he is also fallible, which in no way diminishes him. Mistakenly, but how understandably, he came to worship the West. If we now succumb to hero worship we will not serve him well.

Solzhenitsyn's vision is too narrow if he now judges us mainly by the degree of our spiritual, diplomatic and military opposition to the Soviet system. But, loving his country as passionately as he does, who can blame him?

Our politicians, diplomats and business men constantly need reminding—and who does that better than Bernard Levin?—that to conduct foreign policy without regard to oppression in other nations is intolerable. This is an area the German language now *properly describes as Weltinnenpolitik*, global home affairs. Diplomatic and economic interference abroad is not *ultra vires* even though it does raise major problems. If oppression were to become part of British life, I hope and pray that other nations would care enough to interfere in "our affairs".

Where Solzhenitsyn's advice is good but not good enough is to suggest that we should only be concerned with communist abuses of power. That would be to become a mirror-image of the Kremlin. Why on earth leave it to communists to help the oppressed actively in South Africa and Chile? Are the tortured in Iran and Brazil less in need of friends than in Russia? There are capitalists as well as communists with a hyena's face. There are capitalists and communists with a human face. And many communists are among the world's victims.

A new cold war will serve neither justice nor peace. Détente, if we interpret it as the pursuit of peace *with justice, is a prerequisite for* moral and physical survival. That is what we at least tried to do, *with partial success, at Helsinki.* The West gave up nothing substantial and extracted at least verbal assent to "basker three" on human rights; nothing to be ashamed of. A Western anti-Soviet front including many right-wing dictatorships would make a mockery of the term "free world" and delight the Kremlin hawks, who fear nothing more than dialogue. Light and darkness cut clean across ideological frontiers. Crusades have never served humanity well.

We can do no better than take Solzhenitsyn's courage and nobility of spirit as a model for the fight against the world-wide "Gulag archipelago". That vision is shared with us, at no small cost to themselves, by the members of "the *Soviet Group of Amnesty Interna-* tional.
Yours sincerely,
PAUL OESTREICHER, Chairman,
British Section,
Amnesty International,
55 Theobald's Road, WC1.
March 4.

From Mr Hans Koning

Sir, It is the West's reaction to Mr Solzhenitsyn's statements which makes me despair—not the statements. A man who wrote that life in Russia "will never again be as sweet as in the summer of 1914", is not to be taken seriously as a political commentator. And after all, most of our writers are left wing if *not communist, and how often* are they quoted by our public figures? Mr Solzhenitsyn is used because he serves a purpose and his literary qualities are a convenient flag on the message.

But our reaction! Why do we so obediently accept false premises and then listen equally obediently to the conclusions? The West did *not "lose in Indo-China", the West* had one of its (few) moments of democratic triumph: the all-powerful American war party was laid *low by the American people when* they finally realized a dirty and immoral war was waged in their *name. The West did not "lose in* Angola": after all those years of quiet support for the Portuguese occupation and Gulf Oil, the American Congress showed that (contrary to political theory) nations can learn lessons and that America was not going to finance another Indo-China nor indeed another "Western-backed" Congo in Africa.
Sincerely,
HANS KONING,
9 Norfolk Road, NW8.
March 4.

From Mr Fan Yew Teng, MP (Malaysia)

Sir, I am for socialism and democracy, and I support liberation movements, whether they be in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe or Western Europe. However, I am increasingly worried by growing evidence of Russian militarism and Russian determination *towards global expansionism* and hegemony.

Of course I do not entirely agree with Solzhenitsyn that the problem emanates from communism *per se*; I think the real danger is more of Russian imperialism under the pretext of détente.

There are perhaps today too many well-meaning but naïve people *who could be likened to "foolish* curs, that run winking into the mouth of a Russian bear, and have their heads crushed like rotten apples!" (Shakespeare *Henry V*).
Yours sincerely,
FAN YEW TENG,
Flat 3, 36 Leinster Square, W2 4NQ.
March 4.

From Mr Victor Ross

Sir, Lord Chalfont was unlucky to write another piece about Iran in the week that Solzhenitsyn spoke. "It is wrong" this flexible peer suggests, "to judge the Iranians *except by their own standards".* He received his answer from the great Russian: "I am surprised that pragmatic philosophy con- *sistently scorns moral considera-* tions . . . one should not consider that the great principles of freedom finish at your own frontiers. . . ."

Let us not, therefore, judge thugs and torturers by the standards of thugs and torturers, nor blackmailers by the standards of blackmailers even when they can supply oil or money.

Your leader, sir, sums up both author and argument when you speak of trivial men tittering at the prophets while we fail "to recognize evil for what it is and describe it as it is".
Yours faithfully,
VICTOR ROSS,
10 Templewood Avenue, NW3.
March 3.

From Mr Patrick Halsey

Sir, Will the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary receive Alexander *Solzhenitsyn and make* it public they have done so? Or would that be contrary to the spirit of Helsinki and of *détente*?
Yours faithfully,
PATRICK HALSEY,
23 Torrington Road,
Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.
March 4.

From Mr John Mason

Sir, There was one word that Alexander Solzhenitsyn forgot during his impressive interview. Dubcek.
Yours faithfully,
JOHN MASON,
24 Cumberland Mansions, W8.
March 4.

From Mr Jeremy Arnold

Sir, I turned on my car radio shortly before 1 pm today (March 4) to hear a BBC announcer describe tonight's radio play as being about "a Welsh freedom-fighter" charged with the responsibility for a number of bomb explosions. Words fail me.
Yours sincerely,
JEREMY ARNOLD,
25 Margaretta Terrace, SW3.
March 4.

Lord George-Brown's service to Labour

From Sir Robin Hooper

Sir, Personally I have had nothing but kindness and consideration from Lord George-Brown over the 20 years I have known him. He can, as you say, be impossible—as who should know better than those who worked for him in the Foreign Office. But he represents a tradition in the Labour Party which is rapidly *fading—the tradition exemplified by* Ernest Bevin, who was the first to recognize his talents; and the party he has left is diminished by his going.

I am sure that all who served—even if, at times, they suffered—under him will regret the manner of his departure, deplore the indignities to which he has been exposed, and thank you for your courageous and timely leading article.
Yours faithfully,
ROBIN HOOPER,
Brook House, Egerton,
Ashford,
Kent.
March 4.

From Mr Auberon Waugh

Sir, Like many of your readers who *can't possibly afford more than one* newspaper in these difficult times, I might never have learnt about Lord George-Brown's mishap if it had not been for your high-minded leader criticizing other newspapers for describing it.

Unlike you, I find the episode a fitting commentary on our times, that the one politician who has finally woken up to what has been apparent to most of us (including yourself) for 10 years should react in this particular way. Those photographs, if I may say so, summed up our tragi-comic predicament *more accurately than Mr Levin's* excellent (and scarcely less emotional) article about Solzhenitsyn on the same day.

Your decision to suppress those aspects of the news which displease you strikes me as differing only in its effectiveness from the Russian model. If there is more behaviour of this sort on your part, I shall seriously consider switching my order to the *Daily Mail*.
Yours faithfully,
AUBERON WAUGH,
Combe Florey House,
Combe Florey, Taunton,
Somerset.
March 5.

From Mr G. Helft

Sir, I really do not know whether I write more in sorrow or in anger. *Throughout my work with young* people, and in recent years as headmaster of a very large school, I have tried to convey a sentiment that *The Times* holds a very special place among newspapers and that traditionally this has more to do with its standards than necessarily its opinions. Of late I have felt a little uneasy when this subject has come up. From today I shall have to give "an honest man's warning"—your title, as you will recognize, of this morning's leader (*March 4*).

Again, it has nothing to do with actual political opinion: you are in *good company in supporting* Lord Goodman's amendment to the Closed Shop Bill, while many, including a *majority* in both Houses of Parliament, take the opposite view with which I happen to agree; it follows that you consider Solzhenitsyn relevant to the argument and I am among those who feel that he and his experiences are being dragged into the debate to emotionalize it; you hold Lord George-Brown's political history in high esteem, while others of us were not Gaitskellites and were even less impressed with his deputy.

The crunch comes when *The Times* goes in for cant, using all the well known methods of gutter journalism. You make quite sure that your readers are left with the impression that Lord George-Brown was drunk on Tuesday evening: but not by saying so—by smugly rebuking other newspapers for saying so! You quite extraneously drag in recent scandal about an alleged relationship between a Mr Thorpe and a Mr Scott—again, one can almost hear you smacking your lips and then proclaiming the "holier than thou" cry to your contemporaries; nor can you pass up any opportunity to vilify the Prime Minister as a man. There are many of us who, without knowing Harold Wilson personally, quite subjectively mingle a real affection *with our support for him as a leader* and a Prime Minister in political terms.

Others, including yourself, Sir, even when you agree with some political action on his part, see him as devious, etc. That is a pity but probably no politician has a right to be protected from your subjective judgments or mine. However, I feel sure that there must be many like me for whom you have today gone too far. The Editor of *The Times* is not God and I do not understand how any human being can arrogate to himself the statement that Lord George-Brown *drunk* is "a better man" than the Prime Minister sober. I began my letter by writing about standards. None of the papers at which you sneer in your leader have fallen so low.
Yours faithfully,
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7 Remple Avenue,
Hatfield Woodhouse,
Doncaster,
South Yorkshire.
March 4.

From Mr Terence Wincott

Sir, Thank you for your editorial today, "An Honest Man's Warning"; it ought to cause the hard searching of a few Fleet Street consciences. No doubt the "light, cynical and trivial men" you speak of will dismiss it with a sneer and a cheap jibe, just as they have the resignation of Lord George-Brown. But, hopefully, it will give strength *to those Labour members who* watch with impotent despair the drift of their party and to all of us who, as you rightly point out, are contributing to our national decline in moral fortitude by our very silence.
Yours faithfully,
TERENCE WINCOTT,
Flat 6, 14 Eton Avenue, NW3.
March 4.

From Mr Austen Albu

Sir, As one who served with Lord George-Brown in the Department of Economic Affairs and who has criticized him from time to time, may I thank you for your justifiably angry leading article about him *today?*
Yours faithfully,
AUSTEN ALBU,
Reform Club,
Pall Mall, SW1.
March 4.

From Mr Cledwyn Hughes, Labour MP for Anglesey

Sir, There is a clear implication in your paper today (March 4) which needs to be corrected. George Clark wrote, "When Mr Wilson came to consider the appointment of Labour MPs and peers to the European Parliament after the referendum last June Lord George-Brown was bitterly disappointed when he was excluded".

The implication that the Prime Minister had any responsibility for the appointment or exclusion of any- *one is totally false and can be seen* to be so by an examination of the procedure adopted in the appoint- *ment of the Labour members of* the European Parliament. All Labour MPs who were interested in being members of the European Parliament were asked to submit their names and they were considered by the chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party and the chief whip who made a recommendation to the PLP which was approved by them. The Leader of the House of Lords and the chief whip in the Lords recommended names of peers to be part of the delegation to the European Parliament and these were similarly approved by the PLP.

The suggestion of George Clark is clearly wrong as at no time was the delegation to the European Parliament a matter for anyone other than the Parliamentary Labour Party.
Yours sincerely,
CLEDWYN HUGHES,
Chairman, Parliamentary
Labour Party,
House of Commons.
March 4.

Journalists and freedom of the press

From Mr Bill Martin and others

Sir, *As journalists* we are increasingly disturbed by the actions of our representative body, *the National Union of Journalists.*

In Barnsley, Yorkshire, four colleagues left the NUJ to join the *other journalists' union*, the Institute of Journalists, because they were unhappy with the NUJ. For this their local NUJ branch, supported by the national executive, have taken action which could result in the four being deprived of their livelihood.

Local organizations have been asked to "black" them—that is to refuse to give them information necessary for them to carry out their job. We are seriously con- *cerned that this is an indication of* how the NUJ will behave if they achieve a closed shop.

The closed shop, as proposed by Mr Michael Foot, in his Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, was passed in the Lords this week. We believe it is a dangerous Bill for us and for the country.

It seems that journalists who do not obey the NUJ executive, whatever the current executive's opinions may be, must be silenced.

Under the proposed legislation editors' freedom to choose contributors to newspapers will be limited by a charter drawn up between publishers and the union. *If they do not agree—and they* are being asked to agree on how best to curb freedom of expression —then Mr Foot has the final say. In other words, if newspapers do not agree to the rope they will be given the guillotine.

All that remains is to decide who should adjudicate on the limitations of "free speech". Restrictions by the newspaper publishers or by the NUJ, or from any other organization open to those who wish to manipulate expression of public opinion, will never be welcomed by any responsible *journalist.* A *closed shop* in journalism means that the craft is open to control by the extreme Right or Left or anyone with aspirations to power over the most important means of communication in this country.
Yours,
BILL MARTIN, HENRY
PETER VANE, MACRORY,
MICHAEL DOVE, JOHN
BRENDAN BUCHANAN,
MULHOLLAND, DON PERRY,
PENNY HART, JAMES KINLAY,
LEWIS DE MICHAEL
FRIES, WATTS,
JIM MOSSOP,
Fleet Street, EC4.

From Mr Jacob Ecclestone

Sir, Your refusal (*The Times*, March 4) to take part in negotiations on a press charter is to be deplored but should cause no surprise. Such a decision is consistent with the hysterical campaign mounted by those who control Fleet Street against the Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill—and particularly *those parts dealing with the closed* shop.

Journalists tend to be a schizo- *phrenic lot. We cannot decide* whether we are mere employees or professional men; whether our first allegiance is to our fellow trade unionists or to the freedom of the press—that pillar of our democracy which the Lords Thomson, Goodman, Hartwell, Rothermere, Kemsley, Beaverbrook and Northcliffe have, in their time, found it so convenient to defend.

Editors, for their part, being appointed by proprietors rather than chosen in some more democratic manner, have found it useful to foster a belief in the neutral, professional aspects of our work rather than the more mundane commercial nature of what we are engaged in. *It is certainly cheaper, because* so long as journalists concede the right to a closed shop there is little possibility of us exercising our ultimate weapon as trade unionists. At no time has a case been argued for denying to journalists the same rights as enjoyed by all other workers in the newspaper industry.

Your distaste for the closed shop is thus understandable. Your reasons for taking up arms against Mr Foot's Bill do, however, indicate a degree of self deception which has been common in our national press. The great cry has been that freedom and democracy are threatened. But newspaper proprietors and their agents do not have any monopoly on a desire for a free press, and their concern for non-union labour has good economic foundations. I *suggest that opposition to the Bill* derives from a fear that the present undemocratic control of the press might be put in jeopardy by a strong trade union whose members might one day insist on the reality of press freedom rather than the present sham.

I write this in my personal capacity as a working journalist and not in my capacity as the Father of the Chapel of the National Union of Journalists at *The Times*.
Yours faithfully,
JACOB ECCLESTONE,
40 Chatsworth Way, SE27.
March 5.

The Hudson Institute

From the Director of the Hudson Institute Europe

Sir, In your issue of March 6 you *carry a long interview with His* Majesty the Shah of Iran. In the context of a discussion of Iran's declining oil revenues and growing budget difficulties, the following question is posed: "What do you think of the Hudson Institute (Europe) report published several months ago during the period of oil euphoria, according to which Iran's balance of payments will be in deficit within two years?"

The Shah then replies: "The Hudson Institute must have been secretly in contact with the oil companies; otherwise how could it have known what they were going to do? Nothing has been proved yet, however, since we are now going to try to sell our oil ourselves."

The Hudson Institute Europe wishes to bring to your readers' attention that it has no "secret" contacts whatsoever with the oil companies. It does not wish to serve their special interests, nor those of any other group. Its sole contact with the oil companies is that five of the largest subscribe to our publication, *The Hudson Letter*, for which the report in question was prepared. But then so do the Shah's own Prime Minister's office, four other Iranian governmental agencies and Opec itself.

Our forecast of Iran's current difficulties, whose accuracy the Shah now confirms, was based on patient research into published data and the unsentimental examination of the facts as we understand them. On the other hand, as our *report on Iran itself concludes,* "That said, it is necessary to acknowledge the audacity and style of Iran's effort to capitalize upon its moment of wealth and world attention."

We wish all countries to make the best of themselves, and Iran is no exception.
Sincerely,
EDMUND STILLMAN, Director,
Hudson Institute Europe,
1 Rue du Bac,
75007 Paris, France.
March 2.

Head of Torpids

From Sir Herbert Thompson

Sir, The claim of Oriel which you report today (March 1) to a record in rowing head of Torpids for the fifth successive year is inaccurate. The record is still held by Brasenose who held the headship for the ninth successive year in 1894. Nature then added a full stop by freezing the Isis in 1895. The Regius Professor of Modern History is a fellow of Oriel, but, alas, there seems to be a cobweb over their famous window.
Yours faithfully,
HERBERT THOMPSON,
Fair Acre,
Haddenham, Buckinghamshire.
March 1.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 5: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited Oxford today.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness travelled by road and were received upon arrival at Pennyfarthing Place, Westgate, by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Oxfordshire (Colonel Sir John Thomson) and the Lord Mayor of Oxford (Councillor W. G. R. Fagg).

At the County Hall The Queen unveiled a plaque formally opening the building and, with The Duke of Edinburgh, later honoured the Chairman of the County Council (Mr Robert Weir) with Her presence at luncheon.

This afternoon Her Majesty and His Royal Highness visited Stevens Close, the new residential buildings of Jesus College, and were received by the Chancellor of the University of Oxford (the Right Hon Harold Macmillan) and the Vice-Chancellor of the University and Principal of Jesus College (Sir John Habakkuk). The Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque and, with The Duke of Edinburgh, viewed the flats.

Having visited the Radcliffe Science Library (Bodley's Librarian, Dr R. Shackleton) Her Majesty and His Royal Highness arrived at New College and were received by the Warden (Sir William Hayter).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later visited Oriel College and were received by the Provost (Mr K. C. Turpin).

Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, this evening honoured the Dean of Christ Church (the Very Reverend Dr Henry Chadwick) with Her presence at dinner and later attended a Reception.

The Duchess of Grafton, Mr Michel Gauvin, Mr Philip Moore and Major Robin Broke were in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Earl of Westmorland (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this evening upon the departure of The President of the Republic of Maldives and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

Today's engagements

Exhibition: Jewelry in Europe, Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, 10-6.
Dolls: A Study of their History and Development, 1750-1970, Bethnal Green Museum, 10-6.
Charles Lamb Society: Basil Savage on "Coleridge's Years in the Wilderness", Mary Ward Centre, 9 Tavistock Place, Bloomsbury, 2.45.
London walk: Discovering London, Holland Park and Kensington, meet Earls Court Underground station, 2.

Tomorrow

Princess Margaret attends charity Ball given by the Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Clubs, Cesars Palace, Luton, 7.40.
Lecture: The Age of the Rococo, by Jane Gardiner, Lecture Theatre, Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, 3.30.
City Walk: Bunting and Burnings in Smithfield, meet St Paul's Station, 3.

Marriage

Count C. Ahlefeldt-Laurvig and Mme C. Puissant-Pierson
The marriage took place quietly in Paris on February 25, 1976, between Count Claus Ahlefeldt-Laurvig and Mme Claude Puissant-Pierson.

Forthcoming marriages

Sir John McKay and Mrs M. G. Kilday
The marriage will take place quietly on April 12 at the Church of Our Lady of the Wayside, Portola Valley, California, between Sir John McKay, of The Mount, Long Slip, Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, and Mrs Mildred Grace Kilday, of San Carlos, California.

Mr D. R. Bryant and Miss J. A. Favell
The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Eric Bryant, of Bidborough, Kent, and Julia Alice, youngest daughter of Commander and Mrs Richard Favell, of Penberth, St Buryan, Cornwall.

Mr A. R. Carr and Miss I. M. Willis
The engagement is announced between Alan, younger son of Brigadier and Mrs Arthur Carr, of The Old Rectory, Bradford Peverell, Dorset, and Inga, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. H. Willis, of Fryerning, Wadhurst, Sussex.

Dr A. Graham Smith and Miss J. L. Green
The engagement is announced between Arnold, elder son of Mr and Mrs Maurice Smith, of Streatham, London, SW16, and Janet Lynne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Leonard Green, of Fort Collins, Colorado, United States.

Mr M. W. Hamilton and Miss P. M. Fairbank
The engagement is announced between Michael William, son of Mr and Mrs William Hamilton, Great Chesterford, Essex, and Philippa Mary, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs John Fairbank, Cambridge.

Mr A. Pickering and Miss Hansen K. Esterhavzy
The engagement is announced between Austin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs K. Pickering, of Enfield, and Karina, only daughter of Princess Helga Esterhavzy, of Wormley, Surrey.

Luncheon

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister gave a luncheon yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of Mr Liam Cosgrave, Taoiseach of the Republic of Ireland. The other guests included:
Mr Brendan Corish, Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland, Mr Paul Keating, Mr Dermot Nally, Mr Sean Donlon, Mr John Campbell, Mr Ted Nealon, Mr Merlyn Rees, MP, Mr David Ennals, MP, Sir John Hunt, Sir Frank Cooper, Lord Falkender, Mr K. R. Stowe, Mr J. [illegible] W. Haines, Dr Bernard Donoughue, Mr P. R. H. Wright and Mr Albert Murray.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Mr A. D. S. Goodall, counsellor, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and Mrs Goodall were hosts yesterday at a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel in honour of Professor John Sanness, director, Norwegian Foreign Affairs Institute, and Mrs Sanness. Among the guests were:
The Norwegian Ambassador and Mrs Jacobsen, Mr Thomas Cox, MP, Miss Eileen Menzies (administrative director, Chatham House), Brigadier K. Hunt (International Institute for Strategic Studies) and Professor Donald Watt (London School of Economics).

Dinners

London Edinburgh Academical Club
The annual dinner of the London Edinburgh Academical Club was held at the Hotel Russell last night. The president, Mr T. N. Ritchie, was in the chair and the guest of honour, The Rector of the Edinburgh Academy, Dr H. H. Mills, also spoke.

London Watsonian Club
The annual dinner of the London Watsonian Club was held at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. The president, Mr L. Stewart Sanson, was in the chair and the other speakers were Lord Carr of Hadley, Sir David Martin and Mr R. W. Young (principal, George Watson's College).

The thorny path that the ordinand treads

By Stephen Sykes
Van Mildert Professor of Divinity
University of Durham

In the 1960s, when *Objections to . . .* books became popular, a group of students at theological college met to plan a book with the title *Objections to Ordination*. Nothing came of it, of course; and I remember that even at the time we were dimly aware that the title had hardly the surprise of the original *Objections to Christian Belief*.

The objections of which we were conscious have become contemporary truisms. Intellectual doubts about what Christianity stands for, a loss of professional identity following the massive growth of the social services, discouragement and isolation resulting from declining numbers, and a lack of confidence in the standard forms of public worship—these were, and still are, unsettling to someone thinking of ordination, and we observed a steady leak of our contemporaries into social work or teaching. But by no means every ordinand was afflicted with these worries. Indeed we found further cause for anxiety in the thought that the future ministry of the church seemed likely to be undertaken solely by those who had remained on the face of it unmoved by doubts of any kind.

The standard objections, when examined today, turn out to be rather inconclusive. The discovery that the Church of England contained bishops who had intellectual problems with conventional theological expressions was simply a matter of Christian opinion growing up. There is no major Christian denomination today which has not had to come to some terms with pluriformity (a term I first heard used by a Dutch Roman Catholic). If an ordinand wishes to associate only with the like-minded, he will have to join a very small sect indeed. Otherwise he will have to learn to live with differences of one degree or another; and he will quickly have to outgrow the idea that all members of his denomination (let alone all Christians) are agreed about "essentials". But this process will not dismay everyone. Indeed it seems a process so closely allied to personal maturation as to be positively beneficial.

The ordained minister's manifest lack of professional qualifications in psychology and social work has likewise turned out to be less of an objection than expected. It is true that a lot of work which might once have come the way of a good parish priest does so no longer; and a good priest quickly realizes that a certain number of his problems have to be passed to more professional hands. But the change has if anything helped to clarify the priest's real ministry to the needy. It never was, or could have been, that of the specialist, caring full-time for a case-load of clients. The priest's role was rather to focus the mind of his people on the needy in their own areas—to help where he could, but primarily to activate what still desperately needs activation, namely communal caring.

Discouragement and isolation, on the other hand, have not ceased to be powerful objections to ordination. Added to them now is the plain fact of clerical poverty. Every ordinand (certainly every married ordinand) has to look long and steadily at the cost to himself of fuel for car and house and of the provision of a retirement home. Whatever good intentions the present church has, the possibility that it may fail to meet its financial targets has serious implications for its full time employees. No one ought to be ordained who is not prepared, if necessary, to draw unemployment benefit.

It is, however, in relation to worship that the objections are generally crucial. Whatever the priest's life may become in the future, he will still be the one ordained to lead the prayers of the church. Here he will have to learn how to handle, however reformulated or refurbished, a culturally conditioned symbol system in which the eternal makes itself known, a treasury of great beauty over which Christians have fought with ugly intensity. The rule books of canon law or dogmatic theology will not be able to prescribe the way in which the words and things used both conceal and reveal God in the congregation; neither will he learn from books how to save order from ceremoniousness, or spontaneity from self-consciousness.

Where worship is concerned, the priest is best served if his objections never disappear. They will help him retain a nose for the beguiling irrelevancies which litter the worshippers' path, and a capacity to point to the life that is to be drawn from the words of life. His objections may help him remain the servant of the people of God, while being yet conspicuously their leader. And they may even save him, in the moment of offering himself as an instrument in the hands of God, from complacently adoring the role he plays in the eyes of others.

Birthdays today

Sir Eric Ansorge, 89; Mr William Davis, 43; Sir Archibald Forbes, 73; Sir Robert Fowler, 62; Lord Robertnall, 75; Sir Ian Dixon Scott, 67; the Right Rev David Sheppard, 47; the Hon Samuel Silkin, QC, MP, 58; Sir Peter Stallard, 61.

TOMORROW: Sir Kingsley Collett, 70; Mr J. O. Hambro, 57; Sir Anthony Lambert, 65; Mr Justice Latey, 62; Mr Reginald Maudling, MP, 59; Mr Graham Pollard, 73; Sir Henry Potter, 72; Sir Anthony Rumbold, 65; Sir David Montagu Douglas Scott, 89; the Earl of Snowdon, 46; Lord Southborough, 79; Miss Margaret Weston, 50.

Service dinners

Croydon Flotilla
The Croydon Flotilla of the Association of Reserve Officers of the Royal Navy held their annual dinner in the Mess of the 151st (Greater London) Regiment RCT (V), Training Centre, Croydon, yesterday evening. The principal guest was Rear-Admiral D. D. Engen, US Navy, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, US Naval Forces in Europe.

The Essex Regiment (TA)
The annual dinner of the dining club of officers of the 4th and 5th Battalions of The Essex Regiment (TA) was held yesterday evening at the RAF Club. Lieutenant-Colonel C. A. Brooks presided.

Red Rose Club
The Manchester dinner of the Red Rose Club (Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry) was held at the Midland Hotel yesterday evening. Colonel M. A. A. Birtwistle presided. The principal guests were the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, Lord Clitheroe, the High Sheriff, Major Basil Greenwood and the district commander, Major-General K. J. McQueen.

HAC
The annual dinner of B Battery, The Honourable Artillery Company, was held last night at Armoury House. Major P. Pettit presided. Lieutenant-Colonel J. Bamford Smith was the principal guest and other speakers were Major R. N. Smith and Major T. F. Carpenter, HAC.

London and Kent Artillery
The London and Kent Artillery yesterday evening held a ladies' night at the Royal Artillery Mess, Woolwich. Major M. F. Collett presided. Brigadier H. E. C. Weldon proposed the toast of the guests, to which General Sir Reginald Hewetson replied.

University of Wales Air Squadron
The University of Wales Air Squadron held their annual dinner yesterday evening in the Officers' Mess, RAF, St Athan. The guest of honour was Mr Brynmor John, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the RAF. The officer commanding, Squadron Leader F. P. Bryant, was in the chair.

£46,750 paid for three paintings by Munnings

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The tide appeared to be turning for modern British pictures at Christie's yesterday; the sale totalled £124,840 with only 7 per cent unsold, a low figure for the market, which had been depressed recently.

Three racing pictures by Munnings, sent from the estate of the late Fletcher Jones, in America, made £20,900, £14,850, and £11,000 (estimates £15,000 to £20,000, £8,000 to £12,000, and £10,000 to £15,000). A small Munnings watercolour of 1908 entitled "Going to Market" sold for £1,210 having failed to find a buyer at a sale in May, 1975, at Christie's at £480.

A six-inch bronze "Rocking Chair No 3", by Henry Moore, dated 1950, went to Thomas Gibson at £8,580 (estimate £5,000 to £7,000), and a watercolour of Venice, by John Singer Sargent went to Williams and Son at £7,920 (estimate £2,500 to £3,000).

That is the highest auction price on record for a watercolour by Sargent, who although an American artist, worked extensively in England. The drawing came to Christie's from the estate of Edward Seago, the artist.

Seago's own work was selling well, with a top price of £2,850 (estimate £1,200 to £2,000) for "Yachts in Ramsgate Harbour". Turn of the century Irish artists also did well with J. M. Kavanagh's "Gypsy Encampment on the Curragh" at £935 (estimate £700 to £1,000) and W. F. Osborne's "Estuary at Walberswick" at £2,090 (estimate £1,000 to £2,000).

A lot which found a particularly suitable buyer was a 14-inch bronze head of Frederick Edwin Smith, first Lord Birkenhead; it was bought by Lord Birkenhead, his grandson, for £242 (estimate £100 to £200). The bronze was the work of Clare Sheridan, a first cousin of Sir Winston Churchill, whose career as a sculptress was launched with the help of Sir Winston and F. E. Smith.

Sotheby's were selling Continental furniture, tapestries and carpets which totalled £69,813 with 12 per cent unsold. The sale included a good group of tapestries. A Hatton Garden tapestry allegorizing spring, from a set of the seasons, made £6,160 (estimate £5,000 to £7,000)



A vase of wild strawberries modelled by Carl Fabergé, which is in the Robert Strauss collection of his work. The collection is to be sold at Christie's next Tuesday.

Sovereign's Parade at Sandhurst

The salute at the Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst yesterday was taken by General Sir William Jackson, Quarter-Master-General.

Of the 184 cadets who passed out, 122 will return to Sandhurst on March 14 for the regular career course. The Sword of Honour was awarded to Senior Under-Officer S. C. Rodwell.

The following qualified for short-service commissions and will join the corps and regiments shown against their names:

C. P. A. Astley-Birtwistle, 14 20H (Downside S); H. Beeston, AAC (Whitgift S); M. L. Boringdon, RGJ (Eton); R. E. J. Boyle, IG (Eton); R. C. Boyle, Coldm Gds (Harrow); D. J. Collins, REME (Dr Challoner's GS, Amersham); K. A. M. Craven, QOH (Tonbridge S); K. V. B. Day, RE (Harrow); S. W. Dodkins, RGJ (Wood Green Comp S); W. S. G. Doughty, LG (Gordonstoun S); D. H. Doyle, LI (Worth Abbey).

M. J. Featherstone, Queen's (Dartford Tech S); A. W. Foster, SG (Sherborne S); R. J. Hare, R Anglian (Bradfield C); J. C. P. Herriage, 14 20H (Harrow); C. D. Hogan, RA (Battersea GS); H. J. Howard, Scots DG (Eton); M. N. T. Jackson, RA (K Edward VI S, Edgbaston); C. M. Jones, 15 19H (Chingford Co HS); T. T. Jones, RHG/D (Eton); P. M. Ker, RA (Bradfield C); N. W. Kirk, Para (Cambridgeshire HS); R. N. Knight-Bruce, QRIH (Stowe S).

S. F. N. Lalor, Queen's (Berkhamsted S); R. T. Lewis, RCT (Mile End House S, Portsmouth); C. R. Livingstone, RE (Homewood Sec S, Ashford); N. P. Lloyd, RAOC (St Boniface's C); M. R. J. Lowe, ACC (Falcon C, Rhodesia); J. H. A. Maberly, Scots DG (Plumtree S, Rhodesia); R. P. Macdiarmid, RH (Allhallows S); R. A. Mackenzie, A&SH (Henley GS); G. A. Mainwaring-Burton, IG (Eton); J. McIntyre, R Sigs (Glasgow Ac); J. T. Meres, RA (King Edward VII Upper S, Melton Mowbray); J. M. Mulholland, J. Innis, DG (Eton); G. W. Murley, RCT (Totton GS); R. E. Murray-Willis, RE (Harrow).

J. J. Nunn, RH (Ampleforth S); D. A. Peddie, Gordons (Centaurus HS, S Africa); K. N. Preston, RCT (Shooters Hill GS, Woolwich); C. W. K. Robinson, Queen's (Eastbourne C); S. C. Rodwell, QOH (Culford S); C. A. M. Ross, RA (D. Stewart's C, Edinburgh); A. G. W. Sinclair, Coldm Gds (Eton); K. M. Soar, R Sigs (Loughborough C); G. S. A. Stott, RCT (Haileybury); G. Strong, Staffords (Bournemouth C); B. C. Symondson, Gren Gds (Sherborne S).

J. D. Taylor, RA (King's S, Worcester); M. S. H. Tonks, Para (Wymondham C, Norfolk); L. C. Touroau, Para (Cardinal Newman S, Hove); R. J. Trickey, AAC (Falmouth GS); C. H. Vernon, QOH (Douai S); T. M. Voonspuy, RHG/D (Eastbourne C); J. F. S. Walker, LI (Radley C); A. R. Wallace, RAOC (Melville C, Edinburgh); M. E. Waring, RA (Pangbourne C); D. G. Waterhouse, LG (Eton); M. G. Williams, RA (Sherborne S); P. Wilson, RAOC (T. Addison HS, Newcastle); R. G. Wotherspoon, RTR (Edinburgh Ac).

D. F. McAllister (Charles Chute S, Basingstoke), qualified for a Special Regular Commission in REME.

The following also passed out with a view to being commissioned in the Armed Forces of their own countries:

A. W. Abd Ghani, O. F. Al-Mohaimin, B. M. S. Mohamed Said, Brunei; A. A. Annan, A. N. Apogan-Yella, Ghana; D. A. Miggins, R. D. Wolfe, Guyana; N. Al Naimir, Iraq; D. D. Mendes, C. R. Reid, Jamaica; F. S. Mohammad Fahed, E. S. O. Saleh, Jordan; B. Mucma, E. L. Walihaka, Kenya.

G. T. Kafuwa, E. I. M. Misomali, Malawi; J. Derick, Jeyabalan, Malaysia; P. B. Pande, P. B. Rana, Nepal; D. M. Komo, S. O. D. Osahur, F. U. Umofia, Nigeria; S. H. Al Said, Oman; Z. A. A. Saied, Qatar; B. M. Al Firn, F. B. Al Otaishan, HRH T. Al Saud, Saudi Arabia.

G. S. Roberts, Sierra Leone; C. C. Gay, C. K. Goh, J. B. G. Lee, Singapore; C. Indhulus, K. Yodkome, Thailand; J. M. B. H. Khamis, A. N. Mohammed, UAE; M. Bisoke, L. Bobongo, M. L. Kapa, Zaire.

Services tomorrow: First Sunday in Lent

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Rev A. J. Tanner; Ben (Purcell in B flat); HC, 11.30 (Walton: Missa brevis), Int, Blessed are the pure in heart (Walford Davies); E, 3.15, Rev M. Moxon; Mag and ND [illegible]; A, Salvator mundi (Blow).
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30, The Litany [illegible]; HC, 11.40 [illegible]; E, 3 (Blair in B minor), O Lord, look down (Battishill), Right Rev [illegible] Marshall; [illegible].
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 11, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus (Anon, Worcester MS); A, De profundis (Josquin des Prés), Rev M. Furnbull; Choral Evening Prayer, 3 (Hunt); A, Cast me not away (Wesley), the Provost.
CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: HC, 8.30 and 11.15; A, This sanctuary of my soul (Wood), Bishop of London.
THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): HC, 11.15 (Stanford in C), Canon Edwin Young.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, 12.15; MP, 11, the Chaplain.
GRAY'S INN CHAPEL (public welcomed): HC, 8.30.
LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL (public invited; entry via Lincoln's Inn Fields gate): 11.30, Canon P. Delaney [illegible].
HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15; M, 11, Ben (Purcell), A, O vos omnes (Dering), the Chaplain.
TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15 (Orlando in F), Ben (Temple Psalter), A, Insanae et vanae curae (Haydn), the Master.
ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30 and noon; Parade Service, 11, A, Woe is me (Ambrose), Rev E. W. Evans.
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church, public welcomed): HC, 8.30; Choral Eucharist, 11 (Wood in Phrygian mode), Turn thy face from my sins (Attwood), and E, 3.30 (Gibbons [illegible]), Wash me throughly (Wesley), the Chaplain.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): 11, Sung Eucharist (Batten), Mot (Wood), E, 3.30 (Purcell), A, Hear my prayer.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: HC, 7.50; MP, 11.15, the Vicar.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.30; HM, 11, Rev D. S. Painter, Missa Sancti Dominici (Rubbra), E and B, 6, Rev J. Slater (Weelkes Short).
CHELSEA PARISH CHURCH, Sydney Street: HC, 8.15, 12.10; Parish Communion, 10; M, 11, Prebendary H. Lovelock, E, 6.30, Discussion.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: Sung Eucharist, 11 (Byrd, Four-part Mass), Emendemus in melius (Byrd), Rev J. B. Gaskell.
HOLY SEPULCHRE, Holborn Viaduct: Sung Eucharist, 9.15, Canon R. Tydeman.
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC, 8, 12.15 and 7.15 pm; MP, 11, Parish Communion, 11, Rev P. Lee; E, 6, Mr M. R. C. Sherlock.
HOLY TRINITY, Kingsway: SE, 11.
ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8 and 5.30 pm; SM, 9.30; HM, 11, Missa Cantuariensis (Rubbra), O Lord look down (Battishill), Rev D. Prout, E and B, 6.
ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9; MP, 10.15; Choral Eucharist, 11, Iste Confessor (Palestrina), A, Super flumina (Lassus), the Rector; E, 6.30, Plainsong (arr Viadana), A, Super flumina (Palestrina) and music recital.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30; M & HC, 11, Ben (Jackson in G), Rev D. Morgan; E, 6.30, Mag and ND (Gibbons, short), A, Civitas sancti tui (Byrd), Rev W. Boulton.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11 (Batten, Short), Rev W. M. Atkins, Mot, Adoramus te (Viadana).
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15; Eucharist, 11.15, Rev J. L. W. Robinson, SE, 11, Father J. Naters; E, 6, Rev W. P. Baddeley.
ST JAMES, Garlick Hill: 10.30, Family Communion, Prebendary H. Edwards.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: HC, 12.15 and 6.45; M, 11 Benj (Jackson in G), A, Wash me thoroughly (Wesley), Canon D. L. Edwards; E, 6, Int, Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake (Hilton), Mag and ND (Castan in G minor), A, Stabat Mater (Palestrina).
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion, 9.45, Rev A. Couch; M, 11.15, Rev R. Swan, Choral E, 4.15; E, 6.30, the Vicar.
ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8, 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 9.30, Rev A. F. Davis; MP, 11.15, Rev H. L. O. Rees, Wash me thoroughly (Wesley); E, 6.30, Rev J. P. Hill, Call to remembrance (Farrant).
ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 11, Prebendary F. Coventry, Missa in l'ombre d'ung buissonet (Brumel), Mot, Nolo mortem peccatoris (Morley).
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15, 12.15; M, 11 and E, 6, Rev E. G. H. Saunders.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8, 9; SE, 11, Rev R. Russell.
ST PAUL'S, Bedford Street, Covent Garden: SE, 11, Rev J. Arrowsmith.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11, Missa Aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Civitas sancti tui (Byrd), Rev D. B. Tillyer.
ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8 and 12.15; M, 11; E, 6.30, Rev D. R. Clark.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 7, 8; HM, 11, Missa brevissima (Casciolini), Rev H. Moore, E and B, 6, Rev R. Hayes.
ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11, Canon Hinch-Betlagh [illegible].

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street: 11, Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey; 6.30, Rev P. Kirby.
CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15 and 6.30, Rev J. Miller Scott.
THE ORATORY, SW: SM, 11, Westron Wynde (Taverner); V & B, 3.30 pm, Mot, Ave Verum corpus (Byrd).
ASSUMPTION, Warwick St: SM, 11 (Lotti), L'hora passa (Viadana).
ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6 pm, Missa "Se dorato di fuggir" (Pinzi), Verbum iniquum (Morales).
CHURCH OF OUR LADY, St John's Wood: SM, 11 (Latin), 10.45, Mass for 5 voices (Berkeley).
THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: LM, 7, 8, 9, 10, 4.15, 6.30 and 7.30 pm; SM, 11, noon, Mass, Father J. Tracy.
REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: 11 and 6.30, Dr Daniel Jenkins.
CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Dr M. Barnett; HC, 8 pm.
KINGSWAY HALL (West London Mission): 11 and 6.30, Rev Lord Soper.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Rev I. O. Jenkins.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, meeting at St Martin's, Ludgate Hill: HC, 11, Rev A. Birtwhistle.
FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP (Quakers), 52 St Martin's Lane, 11.

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Law Report March 5 1976 — Court of Appeal

Building listed after contract: no rescission

Amalgamated Investment & Property Co Ltd v John Walker & Sons Ltd

Before Lord Justice Buckley, Lord Justice Lawton and Sir John Pennycuick

[Judgments delivered March 3]

Where a property suitable and capable of being redeveloped had been selected to be listed as a building of architectural or historic interest before the date of a contract for sale of the property and that fact was unknown to either party, but was so listed after the date of the contract, there was no common mistake or frustration entitling the purchaser to rescind. The purchaser should specifically perform the contract and pay the agreed purchase price.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Amalgamated Investment & Property Co Ltd from the dismissal by Sir Anthony Plowman, Vice-Chancellor (*The Times*, March 6, 1975), of an action by Amalgamated for rescission of a contract for the sale by John Walker & Sons Ltd to them of a former whisky bottling factory and bonded warehouse, in Commercial Road, Tower Hamlets, and ordered specific performance of the contract by Amalgamated for £1,700,000 sought by John Walker by their counter-claim.

Mr A. J. Balcombe, QC, and Mr B. K. Levy for Amalgamated; Mr H. E. Francis, QC, and Mr J. M. Chadwick for John Walker.

LORD JUSTICE BUCKLEY said that the property was advertised by agents as being "for sale for occupation or redevelopment". Amalgamated made an offer of £1,700,000, and on July 19, 1973, the vendors' agents wrote accepting it subject to contract.

Inquiries were made by Amalgamated in the ordinary way about the existence of any compulsory purchase orders or any listing of the property as being of architectural or historic interest. A negative answer was given on August 8.

The contract was signed on September 25, and on the day after the Department of the Environment wrote to John Walker notifying them that the property had been included in the list of buildings of architectural and historic interest under section 54 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1971, and that the list was about to be given legal effect. On September 27 the list was signed on behalf of the Secretary of State.

The evidence about the method of listing the property was startling. A survey of properties was made by an investigator who suggested that certain buildings should be listed, and the survey was then forwarded to another civil servant, Miss Dorothy Juan Price, who prepared the list to be signed by the head of the department. It was her responsibility to decide which properties should go into the list, although she disclaimed any professional expertise in the matter. In this case there was a delay of one month in the typing pool. The head of the department signed the list, relying on her selection. His Lordship said that it was very strange that decisions of that kind should be taken without more careful vetting. In other areas there was a blanket listing, leaving the merits to be decided at a later stage when planning permission was sought.

The Vice-Chancellor had found that the property with no redevelopment potential was worth £1,500,000 less than the contract price, so that the effect of the listing of the property made it worth £200,000.

On December 12 Amalgamated issued a writ against John Walker claiming rescission of the contract on the ground of common mistake on the basis that both parties believed at the time of the execution of the agreement that the property was suitable for and capable of redevelopment; that the purchase price demonstrated that fact; and that the listing prevented or substantially reduced the redevelopment of the property; or alternatively that the listing had frustrated the purposes of the contract. They sought a declaration that the agreement was void and of no effect, or ought not to be enforced.

On December 14 John Walker issued a writ against Amalgamated seeking specific performance of the contract, alleging wrongful repudiation and claiming forfeiture of the deposit.

The Vice-Chancellor held that there was no common mistake of fact. He treated the property as having been listed on September 27, the day that the head of the department signed the listing on behalf of the Secretary of State.

On the question of frustration, the Vice-Chancellor applied some of the tests proposed by the House of Lords in *Davis Contractors Ltd v Fareham UDC* ([1956] AC 696) and asked whether Amalgamated could say "This was not the bargain we made" and whether the undertaking, if performed, would be a different thing from that contracted for. He found no frustration of the contract proved and that the purchaser was liable to pay the full purchase price.

His Lordship agreed with the Vice-Chancellor's decision on common mistake. Mr Balcombe had submitted that there was a common mistake of fact of fundamental importance, namely, that the property was ripe for development and as a result of the listing, that was not so, therefore as a consequence the contract ought to be set aside. He relied on *Solle v Butcher* ([1950] 1 KB 671) and *Grist v Bailey* ([1967] Ch 532) and maintained that a common mistake as to the quality of the subject matter was sufficient grounds for rescission in equity.

His Lordship said that for common mistake to apply as a basis of rescission, one had to show that the mistake was in existence at the date of the contract. Mr Balcombe relied on the date Miss Price decided to put the property on the list, but that was an administrative step, and there was still the possibility that something might happen before the head of the department signed it. The day he signed the document was the crucial date, and that created the legal reality. The only mistake was as to the expectation of both the parties who had expected that all they had to contend with was planning permission.

On the question of frustration, his Lordship was prepared to presume that the doctrine of frustration could be applied to contracts for the sale of land, but the necessary facts had not been established in the present case for presuming that the purpose of the contract had been frustrated. The object of the vendors was to sell the property at the contract price and show good title. They did not warrant that planning permission was obtainable. No doubt both parties considered that the property could be developed and that planning permission was obtainable, but the vendors gave no warranty to that effect.

The risk of a property being listed as an historic building was an inherent risk in all properties. The risk might be remote, marginal or substantial. The effect of listing made the obtaining of planning permission more difficult and the developer would have to apply for "listed building permission". The purchaser of property must carry that risk and any loss as a result must lie where it fell. It was not known whether the listing would have the alleged effect and, perhaps, if listed building permission were given development could go ahead. The Vice-Chancellor's decision should be upheld and the appeal dismissed.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON, agreeing, said that he shared the surprise of Lord Justice Buckley at the way in which the property came to be listed. The civil servants who decided which properties should be listed did not have any professional qualifications relating to the subject matter and very little check was made on their judgment. One woman civil servant wandered around Tower Hamlets looking at properties from the outside. It was part of her instructions not to let the owners or occupiers know that the survey was being made. Owners were not given a right to protest. One could only assume that if protests were made the minister would listen, but that procedure did not appear to be fair.

In the present case there were startling commercial consequences as a result of the listing. Amalgamated had already searched before contract on the question of listing, but those who dealt in property had to take the risk of the thing happening which did happen, namely the listing. But under section 55 of the 1971 Act they could still apply for "listed building consent" and that opportunity was open to them. He would dismiss the appeal.

SIR JOHN PENNYCUICK agreed with the conclusions of the Vice-Chancellor and the Lords Justices and associated himself with the comments on the way that the provisions under section 54 had been carried out.

On the question of mutual mistake, his Lordship said that at the date of the contract the property had not been listed and therefore both parties were not mistaken as to that fact. A purchaser of property took it subject to the risk of future events, and in considering the purchase price it was up to him to evaluate that, and the possibility of listing was one of the factors to be considered. In his opinion, the court was bound by the decision in *Solle v Butcher* but he would not pursue the interesting question whether or not it was consistent with *Bell v Lever Bros* ([1932] AC 161).

As to frustration, the contract was for the sale and purchase of specific property at a specific price, and certainly if Amalgamated had known about the listing they would not have been prepared to pay such a high price; but it was not a term of the contract that the property should continue to be ripe for development at the end of the arrangements. The listing did not frustrate the contract but merely struck down the value of the property in the same way that a compulsory purchase order would do, and the contract could be completed according to its terms.

The appeal was dismissed. Leave to appeal was granted.

Solicitors: Nabarro, Nathanson; Coward Chance.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR BEN DAWES

Authority on parasites

Emeritus Professor Ben Dawes died on March 3 at the age of 74 at his home at Reedley near Burnley.

He was on the staff of the University of London King's College for 42 years and was Professor of Parasitology from 1962 to 1969. For some years he was also visiting lecturer at what was formerly Sir John Cass college and organized its first BSc course in Zoology. For more than 15 years he was responsible for the conduct of practical examinations for the University of London at local, provincial and colonial centres. His major research interests were in helminth parasites and his approach and techniques were meticulous and individualistic. Although best known for his book *The Trematoda*, first published in 1946, re[illegible] 1956 and 1964, he [was] author of other book[s on] trematodes, of fl[ukes and the] history of biology.

Professor Dawes's [illegible] was considerable [illegible] when he assumed the [editorship] of *Advances in Pa[rasitology]* from its inception in [illegible] which he continued [until his] death. This series of [publica]tions with its strong [interna]tional array of autho[rs] [illegible] as a fitting recogniti[on of its] status as a parasit[ological] world-wide repute. [illegible] understanding of para[sitological] problems in almost [illegible] comes through in the [illegible] which he wrote for ea[ch of the] volumes in the series.

He leaves a widow [and] sons.

DR LEONARD SHARP

Dr Leonard E. S. Sharp, MBE, co-founder in 1921 of the Ruanda Mission, died in Kenya on March 2 at the age of 85. He first went to Africa 61 years ago as an officer in the Africa Medical Corps based at Mengo Hospital, Uganda.

He returned there as a medical missionary of the Church Missionary Society in 1917. He and another young CMS doctor there, Dr A. C. Stanley Smith, had the vision of taking the Gospel to the neighbouring twin kingdoms of Ruanda-Urundi (now Rwanda and Burundi). At that time CMS had no resources for starting new work, but it gave its backing provided the two doctors and their friends could raise the money themselves. They did so [and the] CMS Ruanda Mission [came into] being.

In 1920 Dr Sharp [married] Esther McDonald, [illegible] doctors and their wi[ves began] their new work in 19[21. The] Sharps began medical [work at] Kabale, staying there [until] when they moved on [illegible].

Dr Sharp devised a [plan for] buying an island off [the shore] of Lake Bunyoni and [built] a leprosy hospital and [commu]nity work there. He [and his] wife devoted themselv[es to the] new project from 193[illegible]. They then retired, [but con]tinued to live on th[e island] until 1961, when the[y moved] to Mombasa, Kenya. [Mrs] Sharp died in 1962. [He is] survived by two daugh[ters].

MAJOR-GEN H. ESSAME

Major-General Hubert Essame, CBE, DSO, MC, died on March 2 at the age of 79. A soldier who fought in both World Wars, he wrote a number of books dealing with the campaigns in Western Europe after his retirement from the army, as well as becoming a military lecturer and broadcaster.

Born in 1896, he was educated at Nottingham High School and saw service with the BEF in France in the 2nd Northants Regiment from 1916 to 1918. He was twice wounded and awarded the MC in 1918. Inter-war service included two years on the General Staff, War Office in the 1930s. As a major he commanded the 1st East Lancs Regiment in 1941-42 and, as a Brigadier, 214 Independent Infantry Brigade from 1942 to 1943. During the campaign in North West Europe he commanded the 43rd We[ssex In]fantry Division an[d was] awarded the DSO in 19[44. Afte]r the war he was Presiden[t of the] Regular Commissions [Board,] retiring in 1949.

His books were *T[he 43rd] Wessex Division at Wa[r]*; *The North West Euro[pe Cam]paign 1944-45* (1962); *Eversley Belfield) The [Battle for] Normandy* (1965); *Th[e Battle] for Germany* (1969); *N[ormandy] Bridgehead* (1970); *E[illegible] Europe, 1918* (1970); *Patton* (1974). All th[ese were] shrewd contributions [to] [illegible] history, enlive[ned by] Essame's personal ex[perience] of battlefield condition[s].

Essame was twice [married,] first, in 1926, to Hil[da] Kennedy. There were [illegible] and one daughter of th[e marri]age. His first wife die[d and he] married, in 1964, Doro[thy] Fox. He was made a [illegible] 1935.

DR A. J. WHITAKER

C. P. W. writes:

Dr Allen James Whitaker, OBE, a leading member of the medical profession in Surrey, died on February 22 at the age of 70. He was a son of the late Sir James Smith Whitaker, sometime Senior Medical Officer at the Ministry of Health.

He qualified from University College Medical School in 1931 and the following year joined his brother Dr Donald Whitaker in practice in Guildford. He was a founder member of the College of General Practitioners and later a member of the council and Fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners. He served for a number of years as a member of the council of the Royal College of Surgeons and last year he had the signal honour of being elected Fellow.

In 1957 Dr Whitaker [was] made OBE in recogni[tion of] his services to general [practice.] He was a man of visi[on and] saw much farther tha[n most] of his colleagues. He [was re]sponsible for building [illegible] House, Guildford, a p[urpose-]built general practitione[rs'] [illegible], now owned by h[is] partners, as distinct [from a] health centre controlled [by a] local authority and t[he De]partment of Social S[ecurity.] Dr Whitaker had a we[ll-developed] sense of humour and wa[s for]right, sometimes abru[pt, but] those who knew him we[re] aware of his integrity [and] his zest for the welfare [of his] patients.

He leaves a widow, [Bar]bara Whitaker, and [illegible] daughters, two of whom [are in] the medical profession.

Kamaluddin Ahmed, the Pakistan ambassador to Ethiopia, has died in Addis Ababa of a heart attack. He was 61.

Correction

In the appreciati[on of] Dietrich Küchemann, p[ublished] in *The Times* on March [illegible] name of Miss Johanna [illegible] was incorrectly spelt.

Latest wills

Smith, Dr Kathleen Marjory Fletcher, of Dorking, left £80,332 net. She left £17,000, effects and other bequests to personal legatees, and the residue equally among the Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association, the Musicians' Benevolent Fund and the Society for the Assistance of Ladies in Reduced Circumstances, Malvern.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid, duty not disclosed):

Barr, Mr Walter, of Kensington, London, former deputy chairman and managing director George Wimpey and Co £336,416
Cooper, Sir Henry Guy, of Salisbury, chairman, British Petroleum, 1945-56 .. .. £18,937
Goodman, Mr Jack Herman, of St John's Wood, London .. £139,997
Heywood-Lonsdale, Mr John Henry, of Tittenley, near Market Drayton, Salop, landowner .. £943,235

25 years ago

From The Times of We[dnesday,] March 7, 1951

The death of Ivor Nove[llo will] be widely felt, not only [among] the thousands of theatreg[oers to] whom his musical plays [in parti]cular have long meant a [holiday] from the humdru[m, but] also among the many mem[bers of] the theatrical profession [to whom] his kindnesses were endle[ss.]

Perhaps few other fi[gures] of the age are s[o sure] to leave behind a legend. [He] was one of those exce[ptional] people in connexion with [whom] the phrase "a man [of the] theatre" acquires meani[ng and] virtue. He really was a [man of] the theatre. As actor, pla[ywright] and composer he occupied [a posi]tion with the public in [illegible] which even Mr Noel Cowa[rd, his] friend and rival, could s[carcely] challenge.

Science report

Rockets: Laser engine[s]

A new and cheap way of putting objects into Earth orbit using a powerful laser was highlighted at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Boston last week. Such techniques could provide an economic way of colonizing space stations.

The idea, first suggested by Mr Arthur Kantrowitz, a Boston laser specialist, flies in the face of conventional rocketry in that the source of energy, a giant 1-gigawatt laser, would be located on the ground rather than carried aloft in the rocket. Its very narrow beam would be directed upwards into a specially designed rocket chamber where water from a "fuel" tank would be injected as in a conventional rocket engine.

The energy in the laser beam would heat the water and turn it rapidly into steam. That would be ejected at high speed from the back of the rocket because of the sudden change in volume.

Calculations indicate that a ton of water and its equivalent load could be put into Earth orbit within about five minutes with the expenditure of 100,000 kilowatts hours of energy. That would cost only £2,000 or so. The fuel would be free.

Attractive though the idea is—and it allows quite large lo[ads to] be carried aloft with re[latively] small quantities of water—[none of] the laser used would have [to be] capable of operating almo[st con]tinuously at 1 gigawatt. At [present] high-power lasers can giv[e out] such energies only in bur[sts of] very short duration. The[y] would also need to have a [beam] that spreads out to a diame[ter of] only a metre or so at a di[stance] of about 1,300 kilometres, [the] height needed to get a loa[d into] Earth orbit.

The rocket engine itself [would] also present formidable desig[n dif]ficulties. Not only must it [have] a properly shaped nozzle to [direct] the steam efficiently downw[ards,] but the cavity where "ignit[ion"] takes place must also properly [col]lect and focus the laser radi[ation] which would probably be in [the] infrared at a wavelength of [about] 10 micrometres. Speculative th[ough] the idea is, if the laser dev[elop]ment proved feasible it [could] provide a means of putting [pay]loads into orbit perhaps ever[y few] minutes or so, and ultimately [per]haps of colonizing space stat[ions.]

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BUSINESS NEWS

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ealey proposals changes in rol tax alarm tor industry

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ley, Chancellor of the is considering a of measures for his get which are causing d alarm in the motor They include two-tier r petrol, scrapping the al road tax and trans- e cost to petrol, and duction of differential encourage the use of ars.

came known yesterday e Society of Motor urers and Traders re- ar it had been consul- r Healey "on a number als to alter the balance on in a way that might e fuel conservation".

ply the SMMT has Mr Healey that meas- ouring the small car riously damage British anufacturers, because le sector dominated by orters. Latest figures at the importers are creasing their penetra- w more than 35 per

easures would also give arbitrary cut-off points ould distort vehicle de- d harm exports, the ays.

society adds that the l to replace excise duty by increased petrol tax would radically alter the present balance of demand.

Manufacturers are also worried by reports that Mr Healey is tempted to increase tax on road transport in general—and heavy trucks in particular—as a political quid pro quo for reducing or removing British Rail's £450m annual subsidy.

The SMMT says that such a move would increase industrial costs and put pressure on employment levels. "There is no point in robbing Peter to pay Paul if Peter is still going to do most of the work."

It reminds Mr Healey that more than 90 per cent of passenger miles and 86 per cent of freight ton milage is by road.

The SMMT says it has been fashionable to suggest that road improvement and development costs could be cut by switching to rail traffic, that road usage should be taxed more highly to encourage this and that public transport is a social service and should be financed as such.

But, it claims, these are based on false premises. If rail goods traffic were doubled it would still only delay the need for an expansion in road haulage by 15 months.

BR received grants of £450m last year while motor taxation exceeded all road building, maintenance and administration costs by central and local government by £1,212m.

rries' Felixstowe l 'more attractive'

Financial Staff

stowe Dock and Rail- directors are unable to mend shareholders to European Ferries' 175p e offer because of their and possibly legal, obli- to continue backing the Transport Docks 150p a share bid which ecommended to share- last November.

Humphrey Browne, the Board's chairman, wel- he "continued full sup- of the Felixstowe board offer. But Mr John , a Felixstowe director a major shareholder, that for shareholders than directors obliged to with their original com- nt to the Docks Board's e ferry group's offer is cially more attractive".

Keith Wickenden, Euro- Ferries' chairman, said he be "astonished if (European Ferries') bid were not accepted".

Felixstowe's board have taken some weeks to present their views to shareholders because of the unique legal situation of having to consider a counter-offer to an agreed state take-over.

While they come down in support of the Docks Board's bid, the board has allowed a degree of ambiguity to creep into its statement by pointing out that it would be in the interests of shareholders to accept European Ferries' offer as long as the market price of the ferry group's shares exceeds 70p. At the close yesterday Ferries' shares were 71p.

If the Parliamentary Bill promoted by the docks board enabling it to carry out its take-over of the port does not receive Royal Assent by November 15, its offer will lapse.

State steel prices to rise by 10 pc in April

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

Increases of up to 15 per cent in the price of some of its products are to be implemented by the British Steel Corporation early next month.

Customers are being informed this weekend that prices on a wide range of products will be lifted by an average of 10 per cent from April 4—three days after the start of the corporation's new financial year.

If the rises can be made to stick in a market which is still far from firm, they should produce £100m extra revenue.

The increases, which have been under discussion for some time, will affect the motor and consumer durables industry particularly hard.

They form the first big round of BSC increases for over a year, and are expected to be followed by others bringing the total rise to more than 30 per cent by the end of the year.

Products affected by the increase represent about two thirds of the BSC's home market sales. All fall within areas covered by the terms of the European Coal and Steel Community and are therefore immune from British Government interference.

Increases on those products covered by Price Commission controls will be sought when market conditions allow.

Under the latest price round billet and billet derived products will be increased by between 9.5 per cent and 12 per cent; strip mill products by 10-13 per cent (the strip mills division is responsible for nearly two thirds of the expected loss of £290m overall loss for the BSC this year); carbon steel plate by 4-6 per cent and foundry iron by 15 per cent.

Increases will in fact be larger in some cases as a result of changes in the extras for some products. The motor industry and consumer durable industry will be hard hit because the increases will follow the withdrawal of rebates introduced last summer and removed in January on a range of strip mill products.

But the rises reflect indications of some improvement in sectors of the market, and private sector steelmakers who have been kept in close touch with BSC's pricing plans can be expected to make their own adjustments shortly.

The BSC which is expecting a loss of £290m this year—rather less than expected at the end of last year—is losing money at the rate of about £6m a week.

No real improvement in market demand is expected until well into the second half of the year, but to meet demand when it returns the corporation is building up a 800,000 tonnes stockpile of semi-finished steel.

Shares hold firm but gilts slump

After the alarms caused by the worsening position in southern Africa, leading industrial shares finished the week, and the account, on a comparatively firm note yesterday despite the slide of sterling.

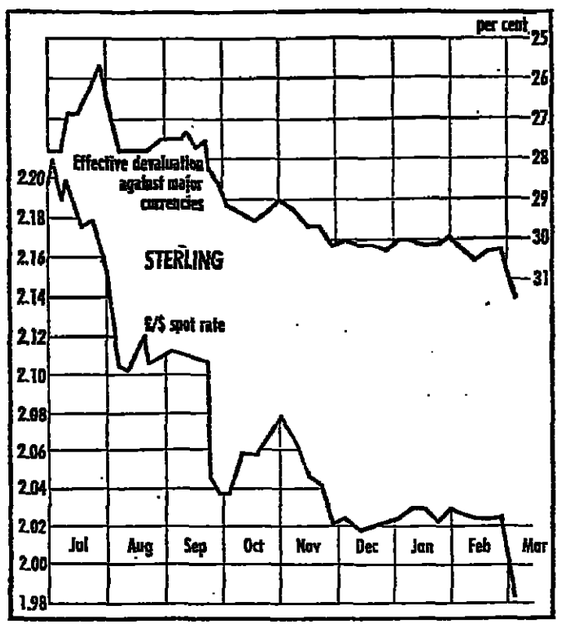
But the same could not be said of the gilt-edged market, which closed with losses of up to £1 at the long end even though the minimum lending rate was cut by a further quarter point. Gold shares, particularly badly hit by Africa considerations, chose to ignore them and went ahead strongly on the higher dollar premium.

These external factors apart, much of the interest has centred on a number of important results. In the main these pleased the market with figures from Barclays Bank, Unilever, EMI and Royal Insurance all around, or better than expectations.

At the close yesterday the FT Index stood at 404.7, a drop of 2.9 on the day and just half a point over the week. But over the two weeks of the account the advance was 13.5.

Though the index has not yet managed to break firmly away from around the 400 level, the last week has proved the underlying firmness of the market. But shares were looking tired and many dealers now look to a fresh stimulus on the domestic front if share prices are to go ahead to any marked degree.

The thinness of trading remains a concern and the feeling is that many institutions are staying their hand until this stimulus arrives.



Sharp gains on metal exchange

Prices on the London Metal Exchange yesterday were extremely buoyant, with the decline in sterling the chief spur. All the base metals and silver and platinum gained sharply.

In copper, there was considerable consumer activity, after good consumer demand in the United States on Thursday, while sellers were reserved.

Copper wire bars put on £23.50 per tonne to £654.50 for cash and the forward three-month position was £22.50 up to £671.75. These were the highest levels since September, 1974. Cathodes also went ahead, cash putting on £22 per tonne to £643.50 and three months went up £20.50 to £660.25.

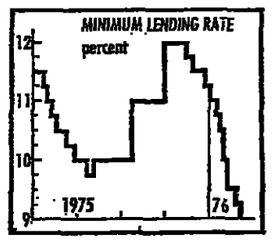
Not only currency considerations, but also yet another rise in the Straits tin price (to $M1,047), influential buying and a continuing shortage of high-grade metal all helped to push up tin prices. Standard cash rose £58 to £3,387 per tonne and the three-month position was £51 up at £3,453.50.

In high-grade there were rises of £65 to £3,430 for cash and £57.50 to £3,490 for three months. These were the highest prices since October, 1974.

Both zinc and lead also rose sharply. Cash zinc was £6 per tonne higher at £351.50 and three months went £4.375 ahead to £361.625. Lead was more than £4 up in both positions, to £190.375 for cash and £196.25 for three months.

Silver, which was up between 5p and 6p an ounce at the morning bullion fixing, was more than 9p an ounce up in afternoon dealings on the LME, recording 216.45p for cash, 221.05p for three months and 227.75p for seven months. Platinum jumped by £2.20 an ounce from £67.35 to £69.55.

Reuter's commodity index was yesterday at 1249.6, the highest point since November 13, 1974.



The index incorporates 17 basic commodities weighted according to their importance in international trade and based on September 18, 1931, equalling 100.

The highest point the index has ever reached was 1479.7 on February 26, 1974. At the beginning of this year it stood at 1180.9.

Pound on central bankers' agenda

Sterling's weakness is expected to be high on the list of topics which Western central bankers will discuss when they meet in Basle on Monday and Tuesday for their monthly gathering at the Bank of International Settlements.

The pound's fall as well as the continued weakness of the lira, are likely to offset any inclination towards self-congratulation that the bankers may have felt over the dampening of speculation against the French franc last month.

According to European central bank governors will also discuss the problems associated with the planned auction of one sixth of the International Monetary Fund's gold stock. Mr Johannes Witteveen, IMF managing director, and Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of the American Federal Reserve Board, will be attending the meeting for this purpose.

Lira ends week with 16 pc loss

After opening at 801-803 to the dollar, the lira recovered to close under the 800 barrier in Rome yesterday at an official rate of 798.125. The main victim was the pound, which closed at 1601.40 lire against an opening level of 1621.50.

The lira ended the week with a 16.22 per cent fall against the dollar compared with its level of January 20, when the official foreign exchange market was closed, reopening last Monday.

Confidence has not been helped by reports of a difference in approach between the Bank of Italy, inclined to let the lira find its own level in view of the slender foreign exchange reserves actually available, and the Italian Treasury, anxious for a more active defence in view of the threat of political and social unrest posed by inflation.

Prospects for further defence of the lira will be discussed when Mr William Simon, United States Treasury Secretary, arrives in Rome tomorrow on a visit expected to last until Thursday.

Italians yesterday faced an overnight imposition of higher prices for cigarettes and the likelihood of dearer petrol and petroleum products.

Meanwhile, provisional foreign trade figures, reporting a deficit of 322,000m lire, about £201m, in January, showed a slight improvement on the 350,000 lire deficit in January, 1975. The non-oil balance was in surplus to about 80,000m lire.

Founders of Britten-Norman to quit Fairey

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Mr John Britten and Mr Desmond Norman, founders of the Britten-Norman aircraft manufacturing company based at Bembridge in the Isle of Wight, said yesterday that they were to leave the Fairey company, which took them over in 1972.

Both sides said the parting had been amicable. The reason for their departure is that Mr Britten and Mr Norman want to take part in the development of new aircraft now that their "brainchildren", the Islander and Trislander light airliners, have been successfully launched under the Fairey Britten-Norman banner.

Fairey revealed yesterday that it had been agreed by both men at the time of the acquisition of B-N that they would stay with the company until their business had been fully integrated into the Fairey aviation division.

Mr Britten became chief executive of Fairey B-N and Mr Norman sales director after the 1972 takeover. They started their company after both had been apprentices together at the de Havilland technical training school, and they were both on board when their prototype Islander made its maiden flight in June, 1965.

In October, 1971, banks and the Government, which were the main stockholders, became worried about what they considered to be a high level of unsold aircraft, and withdrew their support.

B-N went into receivership, although it continued to trade. After a year, Fairey was chosen from among the 35 bids received from prospective owners.

Well over 700 Islanders have now been sold into 80 countries. Under the reorganization which followed the Fairey takeover, the production line was shifted from the B-N factory at Bembridge to the Fairey factory at Gosselies, Belgium. Fitting-out continued at Bembridge for aircraft built both in Belgium and on an assembly line in Romania.

In a joint statement issued yesterday, it was stated that Mr Britten and Mr Norman would retain ties with Fairey to assist in specific design and marketing projects.

OECD plans new ways to provide jobs

From Richard Wigg
Paris, March 5

With no rates of economic growth likely in Western countries in the coming years sufficient to produce full employment, other mechanisms to provide jobs will have to be put in place, the Labour Ministers of the 24 countries belonging to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development decided here today.

The ministers were ending a two-day meeting in Paris at which they reviewed how Western countries in the OECD at present burdened by about 16 million unemployed could tackle the basic challenge posed by less rapid growth rates compared to those in the 1960s.

M Michel Durafour, France's minister of labour, summing up, said they were agreed the aim must be to conciliate the struggle for full employment and a serious fight against inflation. The ministers, he said, held the two goals were not incompatible.

New ways to create jobs must therefore come through public and community investment programmes, openings in the services sector, retraining and educational adaptation, and greater mobility.

Most countries needed now to implement more active policies to provide socially useful and economically acceptable alternatives to unemployment, the ministers said.

During the present expected economic upswing, new temporary and selective subsidies to firms should be tried out or ways found to reduce their overheads.

Fall in unemployment spurs US markets

From Frank Vogl
Washington, March 5

Unemployment in the United States continues to fall at a significant rate. Figures issued today show that the total out of work fell in February by 150,000 to 7.1 million, 7.6 per cent of the labour force compared with 7.8 per cent in January and 8.3 per cent in December.

The Bureau of Labour Statistics noted that employment last month rose by 100,000 to 86.3 million after an 800,000 gain in January. Average hourly earnings rose by 0.4 per cent, although the average work week declined slightly to 36.5 hours from 36.6 hours.

These figures, which follow the publication yesterday of the wholesale price index showing a further 0.5 per cent decline in prices, gave encouragement to the stock markets today.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed with a gain of 2.28 at 972.92. Brokers said early buying interest was caused by reports of a decline in the money supply.

Markets were also aided by Citibank's announcement that it was holding its prime lending rate at 6Z per cent.

This is encouraging observers to believe there is no reason for any further tightening of Fed policy at the moment.

The good news on prices and employment is being used by President Ford in campaigning for next week's Florida Presidential primary vote, to demonstrate the success of his economic policies. Figures on unemployment, however, continue to contain disquieting features that are bound to be exploited by the President's opponents.

The AFL-CIO trade union organization said that there were probably more than one million people without work who have given up looking for jobs. These people are not formally registered and so they are not being included in the Government's unemployment statistics.

Further, the AFL-CIO contends that many people on part-time work are looking for full employment without success.

The latest figures show that part-time employment fell 200,000 last month to 3.3 million. Unemployment declined among most main groups except black people, where it rose by 0.5 per cent to 13.7 per cent. Although an 0.7 per cent decline was noted, unemployment last month among teenagers remained extremely high at 19.2 per cent.

Some of the President's White House advisers suggested that the latest figures indicated unemployment may fall below 7 per cent by the end of this year.

But a word of caution came today from Mr Julius Shiskin, chief of the Labour Statistics Bureau, who said that the jobless rate remained very high by historical standards, and that while "the recovery in employment continues to be stronger than after the severe 1957-58 recession, it is weaker in regard to unemployment."

North Sea find by Ranger Oil

By Roger Vielvoye

Canadian-based Ranger Oil has found a new oilfield in the North Sea, about 160 miles due east of Aberdeen and adjacent to the median line between British and Norwegian waters.

A well drilled on block 23/27 by the semi-submersible rig Sedneth 701 produced oil at a stabilized rate of more than 3,000 barrels a day through a restricted choke.

Ranger said that although the tests were encouraging, further exploratory drilling would be needed to appraise fully the commercial significance of the discovery.

It is the third well drilled on block 23/27 which adjoins the Norwegian waters where the Phillips group discovered the Cod condensate field.

Ranger said flow tests were conducted from a thick oil-bearing sandstone reservoir. No water was recovered on the test and the oil was low sulphur with a 40 degree gravity API.

Ranger Oil has a 47.06 per cent participation in the well and Scottish Canadian Oil and Transportation 52.94 per cent. International Utilities has a 15 per cent interest in the licence, but decided not to participate.

Svenska Petroleum, the Swedish state-owned oil company, said in Stockholm yesterday that the preliminary agreement with Santa Fe International, which would have brought a share of the oil from the Thistle field to Sweden, had lapsed and would not be renewed.

Under the agreement Svenska Petroleum would have received 10 million tonnes of crude oil in exchange for investing 500m kronor (about £56m).

'Prospectus' for Jensen rescue going to group

By Our Midland
Industrial Correspondent

A key stage in the six months' long fight to save Jensen Motors will be reached in a few days' time, when potential members of a consortium receive a study prepared with the assistance of Mr John Barber, former deputy chairman of British Leyland.

It is in effect a prospectus inviting investment in a new company probably to be called Jensen Motors 1976. Now in its final stages, it is said to be the most detailed investigation carried out into the West Bromwich specialist car producer. It pinpoints the mistakes of past management and suggests how these can be avoided in the future.

Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, is helping to provide guidelines for the structure of the new company and how it should be capitalized.

One of those most involved is Mr Tony Good, head of a London public relations company and a Jensen director for the past eight years. He said last night: "Jensen's major problem in the past has been under-capitalization.

"We are determined not to repeat that mistake in the future. It may take longer than we would like to get the consortium finalized, but we must get it right first time."

It is understood that the new owners will need around £5m. Of this, £1.5m will be to buy the assets, £2m for capital development and the rest for development work.

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Norman Shierlaw, a share- r, was charged in Ade- magistrates' court with ges of the South Austra- Sharebrokers' Act. He was ed that on January 19, required to by an auditor, id not produce all the , accounts and securities s possession.

Shierlaw, who entered no and was remanded until h 26, is a director of don and was formerly man of the company during Poseidon-led Australian g share boom of 1969-70.

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hint that proposals for a tax on gas might conflict the Government counter- tion policy came yesterday e Commons from Mr Wedg- d Benn, Secretary of State Energy.

Fibre makers compromise with Brentford receiver

By Margaret Walters

British Enkalon and Enka Glanzstoff, both leading synthetic fibre manufacturers, yesterday announced an "arrangement" to solve the dispute with Mr Kenneth Cork, Brentford Nylons receiver, over the ownership of a substantial amount of raw materials supplied to the collapsed household textiles group.

Last week they threatened legal action to prevent Mr Cork from selling or converting any raw material stocks that had not been paid for on the grounds that a clause in the contract with Brentford gave the suppliers a right to claim back the goods.

Yesterday, Mr Adrianus de Zeeuw, deputy chairman and chief executive of British Enkalon, stressed he had made a compromise with the receiver, at some cost to his company, rather than pursue his rights through the courts, because of the 1,500 jobs at stake in Brentford's Cramlington factory.

These employees would have been the first casualties if the receiver were forced, through inability to use the raw materials, to close production.

Although neither Mr Cork nor Mr de Zeeuw were prepared to disclose the terms of their "arrangement" it is possible that the suppliers have obtained a position superior to that of unsecured creditors, as part of a deal enabling Mr Cork to have full freedom to operate.

Meanwhile, the Institute of Chartered Accountants has commenced an inquiry into the implications of the type of sales of goods contract that appears to have featured in the case of British Enkalon's transactions with Brentford.

An important and little publicized test case earlier this year involving Romalpa, a Dutch company, established that, in some instances, goods did not become the property of a company or its receiver until they were paid for. Moreover, it established the right for the supplier to pursue his claim through to the finished article.

The Institute wishes to discover how widespread is the use of this type of contract in the United Kingdom, as well as establish the position in other EEC countries.

It is regarded by some in the profession as a potential threat to receivership in any company that depends on a manufacturing process.

Managers seek CBI-type role in affairs of state

By Edward Townsend

Sir Frederick Catherwood, chairman of the British Institute of Management, said yesterday that the institute would in future be seeking a similar ranking as the Confederation of British Industry and the Trades Union Congress in dealings with government.

Speaking after the BIM's first ever national convention, Sir Frederick said that middle managers felt they were not fully represented by the CBI, who were the "owners", or the TUC, which represented manual workers.

The convention, which debated motions on managers' role and responsibility in industry, marked the start, Sir Frederick said, of the BIM's determination to become "part of the national debate".

As part of its new role, the BIM is drawing up a memorandum to the Treasury giving its recommendations on pay restraint policy and personal taxation.

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Slowdown for Japanese car companies

Tokyo, March 5.—Japan's automobile industry is headed for a drastic slowdown which could force car makers into other business or out of business, a government report said today.

The report forecasts that, as domestic and export demand falls, the average rate of expansion in vehicle production will slump to 2.8 per cent a year in 1974 to 1985 compared with 17.4 per cent in the boom years 1965 to 1973.

Spokesmen at Toyota and Nissan, Japan's leading car companies, said that if the report was correct the slump could force smaller and weaker manufacturers to be taken over. They added that even the biggest companies would have to pay more attention to moving into other fields as well as automobiles.

The report was prepared by the automobile subcommittee of the Industrial Structure Council, an advisory body to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry.—Reuter.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 164.81 —1.23
The FT index: 404.7 —2.9

Rises

Anglo Am Corp	20p to 255p	Leslie	3p to 47p
Barlow Rand	14p to 172p	Marievale Con	10p to 115p
Bracken Mines	13p to 168p	Messina Trans	10p to 180p
De Beers 'Dfd'	18p to 222p	Negretti & Zam	3p to 42p
EMI	5p to 271p	Scottish TV 'A'	3p to 31p
Hoechst	15p to 475p	Sentrust	10p to 145p
Imp Cold Store	5p to 75p	Union Corp	20p to 270p

Falls

Ass Port Cmnt	3p to 187p	Midland	6p to 282p
Barclays Bank	10p to 285p	Reed Int	6p to 270p
BP	5p to 590p	Sunley, E.	5p to 135p
Brit Borneo	6p to 100p	Town & City	13p to 17p
Clairmace	3p to 32p	Tube Invest	6p to 346p
GKN	6p to 332p	Union Discount	10p to 340p
Land Secs	6p to 180p	Zambia Copper	3p to 24p

Equities stayed comparatively firm in spite of sterling. Gilt-edged securities lost ground. Sterling lost 320 pts to $1.9830. The "effective devaluation" rate was 31.5 per cent. Gold gained $1.25 an ounce to $134.

SDR-$ was 1.16190 on Friday, while SDR-$ was 0.579212.

Commodities: All metals advanced sharply on the LME. Reuter's index was at 1249.6 (previous 1237.1).

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THE POUND

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.67	1.61
Austria Sch	37.75	35.75
Belgium Fr	82.50	79.50
Canada $	2.01	1.96
Denmark Kr	12.65	12.25
Finland Mkk	7.95	7.70
France Fr	9.20	8.90
Germany Dm	5.25	5.05
Greece Dr	75.50	70.50
Hongkong $	10.25	9.85
Italy Lr	1650.00	1575.00
Japan Yn	635.00	610.00
Netherlands Gld	5.45	5.25
Norway Kr	11.30	10.95
Portugal Esc	59.50	53.50
S Africa Rd	2.25	2.05
Spain Pes	134.00	128.50
Sweden Kr	8.95	8.65
Switzerland Fr	5.30	5.10
US $	2.03	1.98
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.50	37.50

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The Nottingham Manufacturing Company, Limited

Salient points from the Statement by the Chairman as circulated with the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1975.

	1975	1974
Group Profit before Taxation (after charging depreciation £2,584,413, 1974—£2,154,626)	£8,024,202	£8,433,663
Group Profit, after Taxation at 52%	£3,947,519	£4,035,252
Dividends on Ordinary Shares 10.5611% (1974—9.691%)	£1,368,540	£1,254,267
Profits retained	£2,573,979	£2,780,985

- Turnover increased to more than £87,000,000.
- Profits include investment income of £1,323,715 (1974—£1,021,836).
- Dividend is increased by maximum amount permitted to 10.5611%, covered 2.9 times.
- Capital expenditure amounted to £2,631,000.
- Liquid assets further increased to more than £20,000,000.
- Measures taken to improve efficiency and increased sales produced a significant improvement in profits over difficult first half trading conditions.
- Forward order position is good and sales to date show an increase over last year.

PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Unit trusts

Nearly back to normal at SW —and more mergers ahead

They are no longer licking their wounds in the Slater, Walker unit trust group. The searing experience of last October-November when the Slater, Walker Securities financial empire was on the verge of collapsing is still a sharp memory; but the unit trust group, comprising some 44 funds worth £191m, no longer fears for its survival.

Jimmy Goldsmith, the new chairman of SWS, who was brought in to replace Jim Slater, has after preliminary investigations seemed to indicate clearly that the unit trust group will continue as one of the cornerstones of a new slim-line version of SWS. The life insurance subsidiary, SW Insurance, has earned a similar reprieve.

The fact that the unit trust group has moved up from being one of the back-room and possibly more boring of SWS's activities to a centre-stage position within the group, has not as yet had a marked effect on its business. As Brian Banks, managing director of Slater Walker Trust Management, says, "We're keeping a low profile at the moment".

What this means in effect is that Slater Walker is not actively promoting or selling its funds. It is an act of abnegation, for in this stage of a bull market unit trust sales are strong (the industry's January sales of £36.4m gross were the highest since June, 1973). It is also probably a wise decision to wait for the publication of the report on the parent SW Securities by two firms of independent accountants, expected next month, before returning to the public eye.

As it happens, SW unitholders, including the newcomers who came in with the Jessel and National funds which were bought at the end of 1974, have proved remarkably loyal. With a few exceptional days when purchases exceed sales, the group is basically in a net redemption position. But repurchases are less than might have been expected. It was Mr Slater's name that enabled the Invan fund to attract £8¼m in its initial launch and the Capital Accumulator £10m; his departure from the group has not had the same result in reverse.

What is significant, from a group morale point of view, is that the Slater, Walker unit trusts, at £191.6m today, are now worth more than they were when the troubles began.

True, the increase is not very large. The funds were valued at £180m at the beginning of November and so show an increase of 6.45 per cent; during the same period the *FT* all-share index has risen by 11 per cent. But the fact remains that the Slater, Walker unit trust group is bigger now than it was before the crisis.

So confident are Mr Banks and the team that they are getting on with the massive but necessary undertaking of merging and amalgamating funds from the combined list of three unit trust groups. So far mergers seem to be running at the rate of one a month and the planned programme is for 12 amalgamation proposals this year which will reduce the number of funds from 44 to 22.

To date mergers have been announced between High Income and Income funds, Domestic, Shamrock and Scottish, and between Commodity, Plantations and Natural Resources. Other obvious merger candidates must be the investment trust company funds, the gold and minerals funds, the three funds in the financial sector and the three international funds.

The final streamlined version of the group, after an estimated expenditure of £150,000, should emerge by the end of this year.

Slater Walker was criticized for taking on board some £90m of funds for nearly £4m in 1974. But "we consider it a coup", Mr Banks says. The purchase price was not heavy as a percentage of funds under management and he reckons that the £90m now has a potential value of £125m.

Jessel was a profitable and well-managed organization, although National was at best only breaking even. But the acquisition of management contracts, as opposed to management groups, meant that Slater inherited no liabilities.

The Slater Walker unit trust group is profitable. Including the private client side it made nearly £700,000 in its last half year, compared with £825,000 the previous year. But its potential is greater. Apart from the advisedly low profile it is at present keeping, the group is handicapped by its lack of an integrated insurance arm.

A unit trust group without this ancillary financial service to which bonds and regular savings plans can be linked is a shadow of what it could be. Formalizing the relationship between itself and SW Insurance should be high on the list of priorities.

The other priority, of course, is to maintain performance. Slater Walker had a disastrous year in more than one respect last year. The group troubles apart, it was slow in entering the equity market with the result that an otherwise good record has lost a little lustre.

Rationalization could take its toll this year, but a group which has been so close to the guillotine will be on its mettle to justify everyone's confidence.

Margaret Stone



Brian Banks: keeping a low profile for the moment.

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Gold

Krugerrands could raise a sparkle

Investors have a curious love-hate relationship with gold: there is no middle course. If you are contemplating a move back into the metal after its fall from grace and this week's political turmoil in Africa—too close for comfort to the heart of the gold-mining industry—the key point to be borne in mind is that the mainstream of heavyweight investment opinion, particularly of the Swiss who have always been gold's staunchest fans, is not yet showing much inclination for renewing its allegiance.

Rumblings around the lira, peseta and French franc last month virtually passed the market by. And even the daily worsening outlook in Africa could breathe only a mite more life into the price.

With gold now firmly pushed to the sidelines of the international monetary stage, with the huge supply overhang and with threats of a United States auction, there is really no compelling reason to take an active interest in the metal until there is another runaway inflation—and that is not on he cards as yet.

With the important caveat, then, that the gold price is unlikely to do anything out of the ordinary for some time, there are still some interesting possibilities in the gold coin market. That, of course, will not be of much comfort to those who snapped up krugerrands at nearly £100 apiece immediately after the restrictions on United Kingdom holdings were introduced last year.

However, while buyers of krugers will now be keeping an eagle eye on the gold price, they do also stand to gain from movements in the premium these coins command over their gold content.

For the best part of a year, the disenchantment with gold has pulled the kruger premium down below 3 per cent. Over the past week that has crept up to just over the 3 per cent level, but the crucial point here is that any spark of interest in gold is magnified to a much greater degree in the premium.

That is due essentially to the fact that the domestic kruger pool has been depleted. With the domestic premium slipping below that on external coins several times in the past year, there has been a steady drain overseas, particularly to Germany.

Any unusual demand for krugers—and remember the London market is very thin at the moment—could have a quite disproportionate effect on the kruger premium.

There is also money to be made from switching between new sovereigns (not the old ones where the premium can be unduly influenced by condition) and krugerrands. The premium on sovereigns is largely governed by the rate at which the Bank of England feeds the market with new supplies; but increased demand on African fears has widened the premium to more than 46 per cent yesterday.

At that level there is a good case for switching into krugers whose Friday price of £69¼ represented a premium of little more than 3 per cent over the gold content.

But it is no use buying one, five or even 10 coins, which are difficult to resell at prices quoted in the press—20 coins is about the minimum it is possible to deal in and that may give many investors' portfolios an undue weighting towards gold.

Ronald Pullen

INITIAL OFFER M&G Commodity & General Fund

Commodities as an investment

The serious investor wants to take advantage of the recovery in world trade. Now, on past experience, is the time he should look at commodity investment.

Industrial expansion is fuelled by commodities—metals, minerals, rubber and timber. As production increases and industry begins to replace and replenish stocks, the demand for these items will rise sharply. Meanwhile increasing wealth will expand the demand for agricultural commodities, for wool, cotton and foodstuffs, which satisfy the basic requirements of people's everyday lives. And growing populations consume more all the time.

The commodity markets, however, are highly volatile, powerfully affected not merely by the pattern of world trade but by numerous other factors, from politics to weather. This is therefore an area in which—even more than the industrial share market—the sensible investor will insist that his risks are spread and that his money is professionally managed. He needs, in other words, a unit trust.

M&G's new Fund

No authorised unit trust is permitted to invest directly in commodities. But the shares of suitable companies which produce, distribute and trade in commodities all over the world furnish what will often be a better solution.

The M&G Commodity & General Fund has been set up to provide a managed investment in just such companies.

Investment policy

Commodity prices do not move uniformly. At the moment some prices look moderately high, but many more are relatively low, giving ample scope for recovery. However, although some particular sectors may seem most promising at the outset, investment policy must be highly flexible and portfolio management will be active. It may sometimes be desirable, also, to keep a good margin of 'liquidity' in the Fund.

Many of the companies in which the Fund will be invested are registered abroad. In order to reduce the impact of the currency premium involved in such investment the Managers have powers to negotiate 'back-to-back' loans.

In all these circumstances no forecast of future yield can usefully be made, but a level in line with that of the F.T. All-share Index is envisaged; the initial estimated gross yield will be approximately 5½%. Capital growth over the long term, however, is the main objective of this new Fund.

Unit Trusts are a long-term investment, so you should not consider investing money in the Fund that you may be needing at short notice.

The price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Unit-holders' Documents. As a unit-holder, you will receive a registered certificate for your holding, issued by the Trustee. After that, holders of Income units will receive half-yearly income distributions on 25th September and 25th March, and holders of Accumulation units will receive a tax credit voucher each year, starting March, 1977. All unit-holders will be sent a report from the Managers every six months. **Portfolio.** The publication of a portfolio in advance is seldom in unit-holders' interests, but an up to date portfolio will be available on request after the close of the Initial Offer. Not more than 7½% of the Fund may be invested in any quoted security, nor more than 5% in unquoted securities. The Fund may not hold more than 10% of any one class of a company's share capital. **Capital Gains Tax.** Unit trusts pay tax on realised capital gains at a concessionary rate and, in addition, holders who dispose of units can claim 17½% tax credit on any capital gain achieved. With a maximum capital gains tax rate of 30% this means that a unit-holder's personal liability to gains tax on the sale of units cannot exceed 12½% of the gain and, under the 'half-income' rule, most basic-rate taxpayers will have no personal liability at all. This represents a very marked advantage of unit trusts over direct investment in shares. **Trustee.** The Trustee is Coutts & Co., 101 St. Martin's Lane, London W.C.2. **The Trust Deed** may be inspected at the Head Office of the Trustee or at the offices of the Managers, or obtained from the Managers at Three Quays at a cost of £1 per copy. **Unit-holders' voting rights** are specified in the Trust Deed. **Selling Units.** Units can be sold by returning the renounced certificate and payment will be for Stock Exchange account settlement. **Management Charges.** A preliminary charge of 3½% of the value of each unit issued is included in the price. An annual charge of 1% (plus VAT) of the value of the Fund is deducted from gross (i.e. pre-tax) income. Commission of 1½% is payable to accredited Agents. **The Fund** is a unit trust authorised by the Secretary of State for Trade, and a wider range investment for the purposes of the Trustee Investments Act, 1961. M&G are Members of the Association of Unit Trust Managers. Application has been made for the units to be listed on The Stock Exchange.

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cial Union Assurance a large wooden spoon for its abysmal under- performance which led erall loss of £10m in ile its chief competitor, Royal Insurance, took the rose bowl for doubled profits of £32.4m.

Such widely different performances are difficult to comprehend, let alone justify, when both companies are competing in broadly similar areas, both by type and geographical location of business.

Granted CU's £94m worldwide underwriting losses in 1975, of which £75m were in the United States, included an "exceptional" provision of £15m against the cost of cutting out about $100m worth of United States business. And there was a further £10m special provision in the United States.

Even so that still left a trebling of CU's statutory underwriting loss in the United States to $100.5m, while Royal reduced its deficit there by the equivalent of £3m to £24.2m. CU's operating ratio—the standard measure of United States performance—was still deteriorating in the final quarter, too, while Royal's was improving.



Commercial Union's Gordon Dunlop.

The most charitable explanation here is that CU has now made the sort of realistic reserve provisions against United States claims inflation that Royal made last year, though such belated prudence is hardly commendable.

In terms of stock market rating it will take CU some time to live down what even its chief executive, Gordon Dunlop, admitted this week were "terrible figures" for 1975.

ing private—Warwick Engineering

in the stock market, rs, is small beautiful. kers frown on small s. Small shareholders— 's offer to buy out its areholders is any guide ecoming more trouble ey are worth. And in a increasingly dominated investing institutions, have little truck with capitalized at less than all companies can find ves deprived of many of efits they had been hop- in the first place from quotation.

at any rate has been perience of Warwick ring Investments in the a half years since going Warwick has now con- that it is suffering a disadvantage from not a private company and an Norman Gidney his family-controlled Industrial Investments after the sale of Keyser n's remaining stake in k last year now controls 0 per cent of the group ffering to buy out the ty holders.

he root of Warwick's dis- rment has been its fail- o capture the market's ation. With the un- able conglomerate tag— terests span engineering, distribution and shoe g—Warwick has never ed a favourable enough t rating to enable it to d rapidly via the well-trod f issuing its own paper. ipitating the decision to ivate at this particular juncture is the fact that Warwick has now fallen on hard times and minority holders will not be getting any dividends for a couple of years. Heavily dependent on shipbuilding, the marine engineering division is labouring under a shortage of orders and is in any case in urgent need of upwards of a £1m capital injection.

Shoe manufacture is still deep in the red and the car distribution side is reeling from its reliance on the Chrysler franchise. All that resulted in a near halving of interim profits in the six months to last September to £209,000 and subsequent trading has been just as much in the doldrums.

The slump in the motor business has taken some of the pressure off working capital but with overdrafts and loans amounting to 110 per cent of shareholders' funds in the last balance-sheet Warwick is uncomfortably highly geared. Cash flow is quite inadequate to cover deferred payments of £½m on recent acquisitions and the high level of capital spending.

With the shares below par before the offer to minority holders, a rights issue would have been out of the question. In any case, Mr Gidney would have had to put up the lion's share of the new money; and, because of the close company provisions of the 1970 Taxes Act which require Warwick to pay out a high proportion of earnings in dividends, the return he could have expected eventually would have been whittled away to practically nothing by the level of personal taxation.

As a private company Warwick will have greater freedom for long-term planning without the ever-present need to show shareholders continually rising profits and a progressive dividend policy. Freed, for example, from the close company laws Warwick will be able to reinvest a far greater proportion of profits than before, plan depreciation better and offset GII's losses elsewhere against its own profits.

True, the 26p a share offer is not unduly generous compared with the flotation price of 37½p and net assets in the last balance-sheet of 43p (both adjusted for last year's scrip). But about 40 per cent of its assets are tied up with the Chrysler business (including a now flattering-looking property revaluation two years ago) and the value of marine engineer Thom, Lamont—taken in the books at £317,000 when the purchase cost was a tenth of this—must be a matter of subjective judgment.

With the benefit of hindsight, Warwick now feels that it was probably a mistake to go public in the first place, though it places much of the blame for its lack of success on inflation and, more particularly, on the difficulties of reinvesting enough to finance future expansion. That is perhaps something which those companies waiting to go public when the present rights issue flood dries up should be thinking seriously about.

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It is often a good sales gimmick to say that something is an unrepeatable bargain. And an unrepeatable bargain is just what a number of life offices with unit-linked contracts are offering—up to April 1.

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The usual suggestion is a whole life policy, with the benefits payable at death and the right to surrender the contract at any time before then. Since there is minimal life cover, dependent on the life office, about 99 per cent of each premium is actually invested on your behalf.

This "unrepeatable offer" is possible because of changes in the tax legislation. At the moment (and until the end of the tax year in April), there is the rule that only premiums up to 7 per cent of the sum assured under a qualifying life policy are allowable for tax relief. But, from April 6, that rule is being swept away, which means that there will be no restriction on the proportion of premium eligible for tax relief from the tax year 1976-77 onwards.

So, if what is commonly known as a high allocation policy is arranged now, although there will be a restriction on the amount of premium eligible for tax relief in the *current* tax year, there will be no restriction from 1976-77 onwards.

A new form of restriction (in a different form) comes into force on April 1, which will mean that a fresh "high allocation" policy arranged after that date will not be a qualifying contract and thus no tax relief would be allowed.

This is because, to be "qualifying", new whole life policies will have to assure a capital sum on death of not less than 75 per cent of the premiums which would be payable under the policy if death were to occur at the age of 75.

In view of the life cover which has to be provided (and which, of course, must be paid for), less of each premium will be available for investment in units.

For this limited period, therefore, one can have the best of both worlds. There is, however, still the limitation that tax relief can be claimed on the total of annual premiums paid to the qualifying policies only up to a maximum of one sixth of one's income.

Here there is a slight catch in that income in this context does not simply mean the whole of one's gross income. Certain deductions have to be made, such as expenses which are admissible for tax relief, including contributions to an approved pension scheme or a personal pension, interest on loans or mortgages which qualifies for tax relief, and so on.

For many high-rate taxpayers, this kind of arrangement is well worth while, with tax relief on the premiums, the investment income (which is reinvested) paying tax at much less than their marginal rate of tax, and only a low deduction in respect of capital gains tax.

Although, technically, the premiums should be paid from income, there is no reason why capital should not be realized for other expenses.

Some companies offering this type of contract have facilities so that, at the outset, a capital sum can be lodged in, say, a single premium bond, or an authorized unit trust and, over the years, can be fed into the regular premium policy. This suits insurance brokers—who can earn two lots of commission.

John Drummond

More personal investment and finance on page 20

Fixed interest investment

Town hall funds for the choosing

Like one of the mighty liners for which the Port of London was famous, a £100m bond issue from the GLC was last week launched upon the fixed interest market.

The immediate course of interest rates being obscure, the terms were generously pitched, with a 13.25 per cent yield to redemption at the subscription price of 96½ per cent. But Wednesday's surge in the gilt-edged market proved deceptive: sentiment was on the turn and, with the public subscribing for only 26 per cent, the issue was left high and dry with the underwriters.

However, this outcome is by no means an unmitigated disaster. Since the whole of the issue was underwritten, the GLC has its money. The institutions who underwrote it have good quality stock at an attractive price, and the public have had a chance to acquire it at a still more attractive price since dealings began yesterday morning.

The big advantage of investment in quoted corporation stocks lies in the fact that they offer higher running yields than gilts of comparable date and coupon. So they are a far more suitable vehicle for the lower-income investor looking for a good degree of security, a worthwhile prospect of capital gain and the ability to sell out if so desired.

The further reduction in minimum lending rate from 9¼ to 9 per cent yesterday afternoon will lead to lower rates being quoted by local authorities next week.

As with gilts, there is no liability to stamp duty on a purchase, but corporation stocks do not carry the capital gains tax exemptions of central government issues, which means that the more affluent investors should leave them alone.

An even better return is generally to be obtained on local authority "yearling" bonds. On the latest tranche, for instance, the coupon was set at 10¾ per cent, marking a recovery from the fall of the preceding week.

That compares with a running yield of under 7 per cent on the shortest dated of the quoted corporation stocks, the GLC 6¾ per cent 1976; and of the "shorts" only Birmingham 9¼ per cent, which is dated 1979-81, can offer more.

Like quoted corporation stocks, yearling bonds are negotiable, which means both that you can get out of them in a hurry if you have to and that you may come out with a capital gain—or loss.

With yearlings, however, the likelihood of doing either is limited by the fact that the redemption date is within a year of subscription. Investors who would rather eliminate the possibility altogether should probably be looking at local authority mortgages.

Here the rates available are more attractive still. Salisbury, for instance, is at present offering investors 10¾ per cent on upwards of £50 on a one-year term, which is as good as the grossed-up return from building society investment. Moreover, while the interest on a local authority mortgage is paid net of basic rate tax, investors whose tax rate is lower still can reclaim the tax paid, which they cannot do on a building society investment.

The snag, of course, is that once the money is put into a local authority mortgage it is there for the duration of the term: these investments are not negotiable and it is very difficult indeed to induce city treasurers to look with favour upon a request for early repayment. The implication is that they should form no more than a small part of any portfolio and that the investor should have some more readily realizable assets in case of any emergency.

With that proviso it pays to go long. For while on a two-year investment £500 will command 11¼ per cent from Vale Royal in Cheshire, if its owner is prepared to put the money away for three years he can obtain 12 per cent from Hackney.

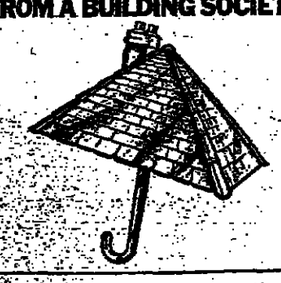
The problem is, of course, that if he puts the money away for three years he may miss out on more lucrative opportunities later, even if, as some people in the fixed interest market expect, we shall be earning so much from North Sea oil within a couple of years that there will be no need to push up interest rates to protect the pound.

Still, the differential here would appear to justify the risk—on a proportion of any portfolio. To lock the lot away for a period of years is simple folly.

Adrienne Gleeson

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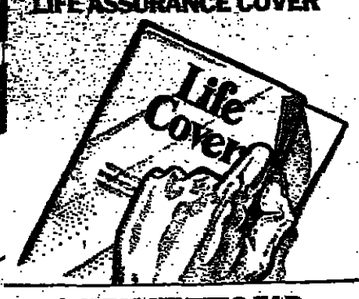
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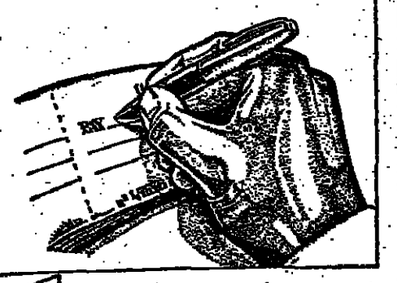
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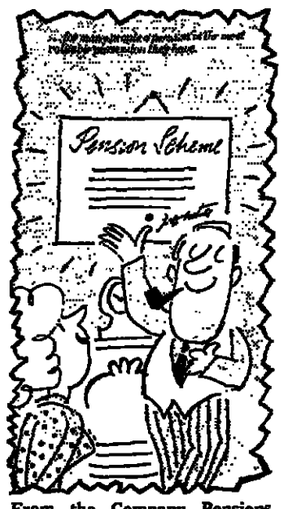
Pensions

How to understand your company's scheme

A new series that will go step by step through the rule book

When you start in a new job with an employer who has a pension scheme, membership of it is part of your pay. How much you value that benefit depends on your age, family responsibilities and general outlook on life: but most people probably value it less than they should merely because they do not know enough about their scheme.

What may happen is that someone tells you about the scheme when you first join the firm, but you are then more interested in problems with a more immediate relevance, like hours of work, holidays and how much there will be in your pay packet on your next pay day. You will most likely be given a descriptive booklet, explaining the conditions of the scheme, so that if you want to look something up you can do so.



From the Company Pensions Information Centre's booklet on explaining private schemes.

It may be a lot later that something will happen to make you check up on your benefits—perhaps because you are worried about death benefits when you are getting married, or your family responsibilities are increasing, or you want to know your position if you are considering leaving the firm (willingly or unwillingly) or think the time has come to plan ahead for your retirement. You will probably go to look for your booklet and you will probably have lost it. When you go to the secretary for another one, you will probably find that it is out of print—or out of date.

When you get hold of a copy you may or may not find it informative and easy to read. The quality of descriptive booklets has improved enormously in recent years and many schemes now issue an attractive, simple document, often illustrated with diagrams to clarify the explanation or sometimes with cartoons to lighten what would otherwise be rather heavy reading in places.

On the other hand there are still too many schemes which show a complete lack of imagination in this respect. It takes a lot of time and trouble to produce something which catches the attention of the members of the scheme: it cannot be done properly without having regard to the abilities and interests of the group of employees concerned. What is suitable for the clerical staff of an insurance company will not be appropriate for agricultural workers or university lecturers.

By the nature of things, it is the larger employers by and large who have the time (and incentive) to take that much trouble—or who are important enough as clients to their pension consultants or insurance company to persuade them to do so. Smaller firms will have to make do with an off-the-peg job, with the result that, because it is designed to meet all circumstances, it will not be particularly appropriate to any.

The cost, too, is a constraining factor: even a simple, black and white booklet of say 12 or 16 pages may cost £2 a copy to produce for a small number of members.

The status of the descriptive booklet is important. It is not a legally binding description of the terms of the scheme, and it should contain an explicit warning to that effect. The legal constitution of a pension scheme requires it to have formal rules, which set out in detail the rights and duties of the members. But it is normally written in "legalese" and the average member would need a lengthy wet-towel-and-ice block session if he wanted to understand it.

Nevertheless, in cases of doubt or of conflict between the rules and the simple explanation in the booklet, it is the rules which are binding. You can see a copy of your scheme's rules if you want to satisfy yourself about some point of doubt, but it is unlikely that copies will be distributed to all members.

The only common exception is a scheme for one man (or for a very small number, each treated individually) where it is not an economic proposition to produce two documents, and the rules—sometimes written in the form of a letter addressed to the member—have to serve both purposes.

In the next few weeks I shall be considering some of the matters you will normally find covered in the scheme booklet and explaining the reason why some of the provisions take the form they do.

Eric Brunet

School fees

A trust plan for the high tax payer

The cardinal rule for all parents who believe that they will wish to educate their children privately is to plan ahead. The sooner one make's one financial dispositions for this purpose, the cheaper it will work out in the long run.

There are specialist organizations which cater for parents and grandparents wishing to make early arrangements for school fees. One of these is C. Howard & Partners, which has just announced a new trust plan for those with capital to invest now.

It is designed very much with higher rate taxpayers in mind. Under the Private Education Trust the capital is paid into a trust (the trustees are Lloyds Bank) which purchases through Lloyd's Life Assurance specially arranged annuities to provide all or part of the school fees required.

The taxable element of the annuity is regarded as the income of the school, thus avoiding the settlor becoming the tax liable recipient of the income. Hence its attraction to higher rate taxpayers.

Another advantage compared with earlier trust plans is that there is no need to nominate the school years in advance.

One drawback is that the trust is irrevocably committed to the education of the child (unless death occurs when the annuity is surrendered) so the plan is not particularly suitable for waiverers who may or may not wish to have their children educated privately. Alternative schemes whereby the savings can be used for another purpose if needs be are more suitable in these circumstances.

An interesting comment from C. Howard is that until a few years ago the bulk of parents coming for advice had themselves been to fee-paying schools; now more than half the parents consulting C. Howard are themselves ex-grammar school, state-educated children.

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Taxation: readers ask

Mortgage interest • Capital gains tax

The normal objective of these monthly looks at readers' letters is to deal only with inquiries which arise from my articles. But I am ready to relent where a question is raised which is of particular interest or which highlights some hardship suffered by a taxpayer.

A letter concerning mortgage interest comes under this heading and is from a lady who maintains her parents and makes the mortgage repayments on a house which is in her mother's name. She is aware that she can claim dependent relative relief but is more concerned about the building society interest.

● "My mother bought the house we live in in July, 1973, and as my parents were not in full-time employment and now not at all, no tax relief has or is being obtained on the repayments. As explained in my letter to the Inland Revenue I would have thought that as I live in the house and make the mortgage repayments, I should be granted relief on the interest part contained therein.

"The Revenue's response so far has not been encouraging. Have I any hope of obtaining a favourable ruling so long as the house is in my mother's name?"

Because of the tax office's reluctance to allow the interest I checked this one with Somerset House. The answer is favourable to the reader, but a little complicated owing to the restrictions on allowable interest introduced in the 1974 Finance Act.

Because the daughter is making the repayments and *as the loan was outstanding on March 26, 1974*, she will be allowed relief up to April 5, 1980, under the transitional provisions of the 1974 Finance Act, except for the first £35 of interest.

From April 6, 1980, the interest will not be eligible for relief at all because the daughter does not have "an estate or interest" in the property. To obtain relief the house will have to be gifted to the daughter or sold to her.

In the former case capital transfer tax has to be considered, but as the measure will be market value at the date of the gift, less the outstanding mortgage, probably no CTT will be payable (taking into account the exemptions and the fact that the first £15,000 is taxed at a nil rate).

Capital gains tax would not apply, as the house is the main residence of the donor. Once the house is transferred into the daughter's ownership the full amount of the interest will be allowed for income tax purposes.

After my article on letting rooms and capital gains a reader writes:

● "When I retired at the age of 65 last year I decided to dispense with my gardener and let his cottage (furnished) at £40 per month to two students. I gather from your comments that if I were to sell the house, including the cottage, I might have to pay some capital gains tax, although I had been the sole owner-occupier since 1954 until I let the cottage in 1975. Can you advise me on this point?"

Yes, some capital gains tax would be payable. The theory is that none would be payable for the period 1965 to 1975 (the pre-1965 period is ignored), as the whole property was the reader's main residence, but the gain attributable to the cottage from the date of letting in 1975 to the date of sale would be taxable.



Briefly the arithmetic involved would be to calculate the whole gain arising on the cottage from April 6, 1965, to the date of the sale (there are alternative methods of doing this) and "time-apportion" it between the pre and post-1975 periods. Capital gains tax would be payable on the post-1975 portion of the gain.

No retirement relief can be claimed as the letting is an investment and not a trade (no services are provided for the students).

I wrote some weeks ago about the way in which recent legislation has tightened up the payment of tax and the imposition of interest in cases of delay on the part of the taxpayer. A reader has written to me not so much posing a question as illustrating the hardship that can arise where there is delay on the part of the Inland Revenue.

I am reproducing the letter to highlight the vulnerability of the taxpayer where delay is the fault of the Inland Revenue. He says:

● "By letter dated November 12 my accountants told me that a sum had been agreed, would be payable by December 5, and the payslip should arrive *very shortly*. Like any other citizen I put the letter aside and waited for the payslip—not with the intention of paying late, but simply because this provides the directed method of payment.

"Time slipped by and the notice to pay and slip arrived on December 18. I paid the tax in two days. I later received a demand for interest from November 12 (now amended, on my protest to December 5) to December 18.

"The Collector agrees that the sending of the notice was delayed by pressure of work in his office and the result is that I am to be penalized by this delay, although I paid on the nail in the accepted and directed way. I could have sent a cheque on December 5 but who would? A systematized method of payment must suit the Revenue and the arrival of cheques without slips must be inconvenient.

"Section 60 of the TMA 1970 requires the Collector to make demand to collect from the person to be charged and it is to this one is entitled to respond.

"What makes the situation galling is that the interest is just over £10 and, if the date were to be moved to that of the notice instead of its arrival, the sum would fall below £10 (and thus be remitted). So far no sign of a response!"

The reader adds: "I don't think I am really at fault"; and I agree, most sympathetically. A case for the Ombudsman?

Finally, a message to those readers who have asked me about wills under capital transfer tax: I will write an article on the subject shortly.

Vera Di Palma

BIM NATIONAL CONVENTION

Management seen as key to recovery

By Edward Townsend and Patricia Tisdall

The British Institute of Management's first national convention, held in London yesterday, was described by Lord Watkinson, its president, as "a unique demonstration of management power".

An audience of more than 1,600 delegates heard four motions debated, whose clear aim was to establish an expression of the collective and coherent view of managers. Many managers believe that their opinions are not being fully represented on the established platform of the Confederation of British Industry.

There were 75 motions submitted by the 49,000 members of the institute. Of these, four were debated by a separate panel of speakers under the headings: government and the economy, responsibility and performance of managers, participation and industrial democracy, and the BIM as the voice of management.

The delegates overwhelmingly rejected a composite motion which, among other things, maintained that companies existed to benefit the whole community and that managers must recognize their wider responsibilities, that immediate action be taken to improve the standard and reward of managers, and that pay restraint be accepted by managers during the economic crisis.

In his opening address Lord Watkinson, who is president-elect of the CBI, said the convention was being held in circumstances that could offer a greater opportunity of advancement for the country than had been the case for many years. But only better management could achieve success for Britain.

A major shift in emphasis was needed from the non-productive spending section of the economy to the productive earning and exporting section. This was, above all, a task for management.

Taking government pronouncements at face value, it appeared now to be seeking to open the door to an era of more practical management. On the prices and pay front there were signs of some sensible guidelines emerging "for those who are willing to consider the practicalities rather than the politics of the situation". But the main task was still to conquer inflation, Lord Watkinson said.

Some hard practical points were being discussed among the CBI, the Trades Union Congress, and the Government, but the decisive action would take place in industry.

"It is only the professional managers in industry, commerce, the trade unions or Whitehall who can make the next round of anti-inflation policy work", Lord Watkinson said.



Sir John Partridge (left) chatting at yesterday's convention with Lord Watkinson (centre) and Mr Roy Close, who becomes director-general of BIM on April 1.

MOTION A: The Government and the economy.

Over the last decade, the real profitability of British industry had been whittled down to the point where it could no longer support the social superstructure laid upon it, Sir John Partridge, former chairman of the Imperial Group, said when summing up the first motion of the convention. On the other hand, much of the dehydration of British management had been brought upon itself because it had been insufficiently articulate.

Sir John said he had sympathy with both sides of the argument. The motion deplored the upward trend in the percentage of the working population employed in or by government.

The motion, which was carried, postulated that the Government and its agencies did not generate wealth and increasingly interfered with the efforts of the industrial sector.

Sir John agreed that the public sector offered better security to its employees than industry. But drawing the convention's attention to "the inquisitorial processes" of government, he did not agree with the motion's assertion that there was little accountability. He considered that the motion's statement that there were no "profit/loss tensions" was an oversimplification in the light of the new doctrine of cash limits.

A deeper force in the failure by industry to attract the ablest young people, Sir John said, was the relative lack of esteem carried by managers in British industry compared with other countries. This factor needed to be treated a good deal more seriously than before.

Speakers for the motion complained that managers were being legislated out of existence. They said British managers were among the most highly taxed in the free world and they gave a warning of the dangers of managers losing motivation.

Opposers argued that government agencies involved in such activities as mining, electricity and gas supply were also involved in the creation of wealth. Managers in these areas also worked towards the cost effective use of resources and to other similar disciplines as private sector industrial managers.

MOTION B: Responsibilities and performance of managers

Mr Terry Beckett, chairman and managing director of Ford of Britain, described this motion, which was defeated, as "a Billy Bunter of a motion; it is too well fed". It had called for managers to accept wider responsibilities within the community, and improved standards and salaries. It accepted the current need for pay restraint.

Mr Beckett, who is also a member of the BIM council, said the motion needed "rehoning". It suffered from too many prime objectives. However, he agreed that unless managers achieved some "humanity" in their companies "none of the sheer techniques of management will work for us".

On the question of salaries, they had to temper their claims with knowledge of the problems facing the country. Financial rewards, particularly for middle managers, were inadequate, but he believed that as the economy improved managers had to make plain that they expected substantially improved rewards.

Managers' responsibility was to make their companies successful "because we cannot be all things to all men". In the United Kingdom the case for profitability had gone by default. Companies had to earn a surplus on what was put in over what came out. In the last analysis that would prove the legitimacy of managers.

Speakers for the motion said that the nation's quality of life depended upon the professional skills of managers. A primary responsibility was to ensure that all workers understood that profitability, but not profiteering, was essential for the survival of industry.

Delegates were also told, however, that it was politically inept to talk about what they could get out of society. If they got "stroppy" now, when there was no money available, they would "reap a whirlwind".

MOTION C: Participation and Industrial Democracy

Legislation was not an answer to achieving worker participation, Sir Jack Callard, former chairman of ICI, said when summing up the third debate. The only thing intervention in this way was likely to achieve was inept legislation.

The motion, which was carried, asked for recognition that everyone engaged in commerce and industry today was a "worker". It considered that the concept of two sides of industry created a damaging image, resulting in "artificial and divisive barriers".

MOTION D: BIM as the voice of management

The final motion, which was carried by an overwhelming vote, called upon the BIM to establish machinery to enable direct consultation with the Government on proposed legislation affecting managers. There was an ever increasing burden on legislation affecting industry and commerce which managers had to find their way through in their endeavours to keep business going.

Mr Peter Parker, chairman of the Rockware Group and vice-chairman of the BIM council, said that management had for long been at bay, caught in the crossfire by the big battalions of the CBI and the TUC.

But the debate had shown that management was determined that its voice would be heard. Managements had a vital contribution to make in the efficient use of the country's resources.

During the debate managers were said to be "sitting in chains, most of them designed by the TUC, installed by an apathetic and uncourageous CBI and tightened every year by the Government".

Unit trust performance

UNIT TRUSTS: Growth and specialist funds (progress this year and the past three years).

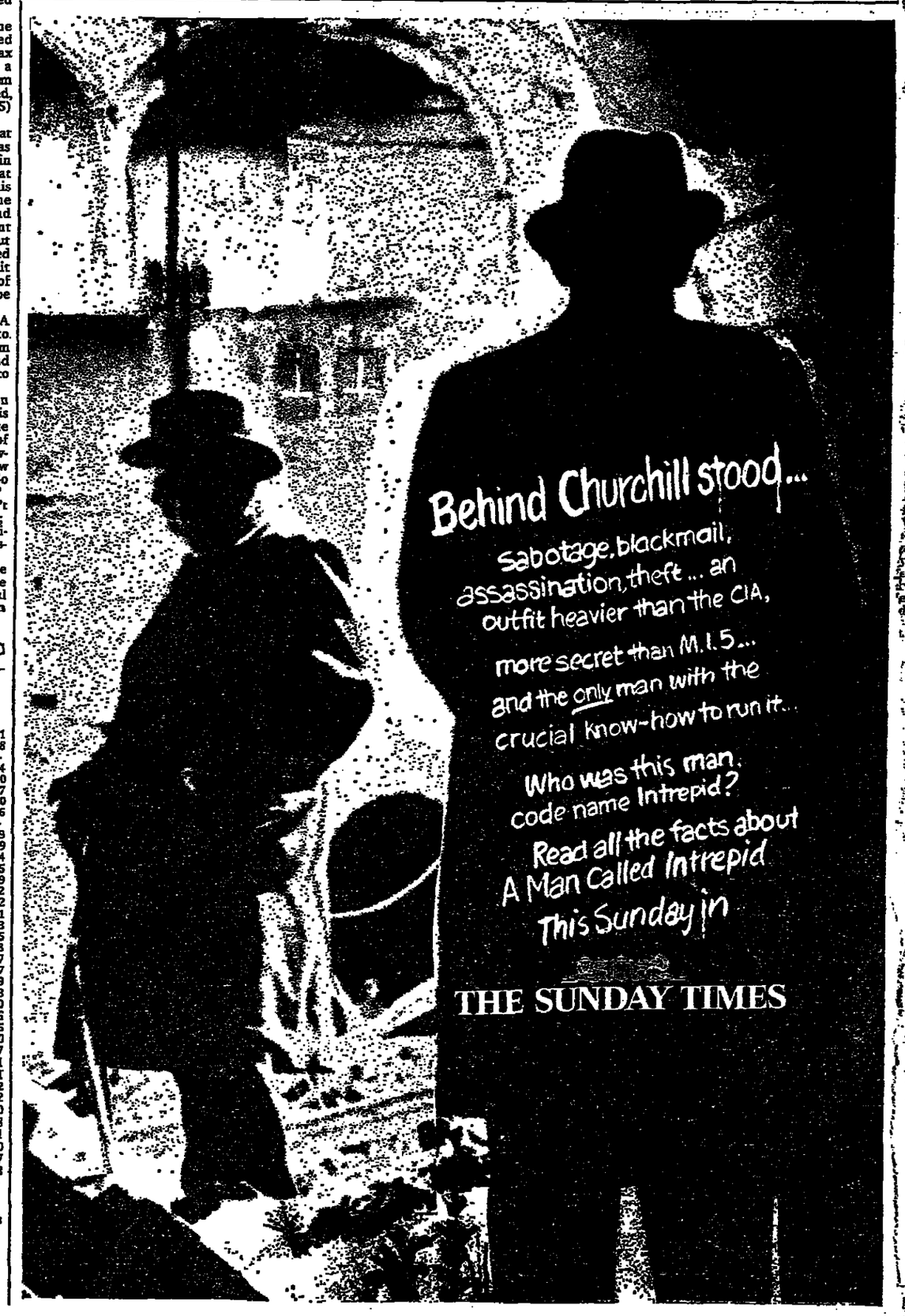
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GROWTH	A	B
Perpetual Growth M	75.2	—
Hambros Recovery	46.8	17.7
Unicorn Prof M	44.8	100.4
Hambro Smaller Sec	43.3	21.4
Hambro Smaller Co's	39.1	—17.3
Confederation Grwth	38.1	11.5
Tyndall Nat Cap F	36.9	—20.2
S & P Ebor Sel Gro F	32.6	—7.8
Stratton F	32.1	0.9
M & G Recovery	31.8	12.5
Jascot Compound	31.5	—16.5
S & P Ebor Capital	29.0	—12.2
British Life Capital	26.2	1.7
Crescent Growth	25.9	—31.5
Reliance Opportunity	24.6	9.0
S & P Scotfunds	23.0	—21.5
Gartmore Insurance	20.7	1.2
Abbey Capital	20.5	—
New Court Smal Cos	19.9	—
Schroder Capital F	19.8	—24.7
Hambro Accumulator	19.6	—10.2
S & P Scotgrowth	17.7	—22.4
Henderson Capital	17.4	—0.4
Target Growth	16.9	—24.9
S. & P Capital	16.8	—21.4
Target Claymore F	16.6	—4.5
Midland Drayton Grth	16.0	11.3
Pearl Growth	15.8	—22.0
M & G Conv Growth	15.4	—21.5
Royal Trust Cap	14.9	—
Gartmore Capital	14.6	—7.4
Stockholders F	14.5	—13.6
National West Cap	14.4	—4.2
SW Shield	14.0	—0.5
Grace M	13.6	—
Midland Drayton Cap	13.2	5.5
SW Capital Acc	12.9	15.2
Bridge Talisman Cap	11.0	—25.9
Oceanic Performance	10.5	—8.4
M & G Special	10.4	—30.5
Oceanic Index	10.0	—19.5
M & G Compound	9.4	—12.9
Unicorn Recovery	8.3	—13.0
Vanguard Growth	7.7	—21.6
Arbuthnot Growth	6.4	—22.6
GT Capital	6.2	—20.4
Target Eagle	6.1	—23.7
Unicorn Growth	5.1	—20.1
SW Professional	4.1	—12.7
M & G Magnum	3.8	—27.7
New Court Equity	3.4	—23.6
SW Status Change	3.2	—6.3
Ldn Wall Spec Sits	—0.5	—22.4
Key Capital	—1.0	—30.6
Brandts Capital	—3.2	—20.3
Oceanic Recovery	—4.8	—29.8
Trident UK Growth	—6.2	—43.2
Portfolio Capital	—6.8	—36.3
Coyne Growth	—20.1	—49.6

SPECIALIST	A	B
GT Winch O'seas M	66.6	—22.0
Hill Samuel Dollar	43.1	60.5
Bishopsgate Int F	42.1	—0.4
Charterhouse Inter	35.5	—11.5
M & G American	34.9	—2.3
Stewart American	31.1	—41.5
GT Japan & Gen	30.9	—
Grantchester	30.4	3.0
Hambro Secs of Amer	26.5	16.1
M & G Far Eastern	24.7	—
S & P Ebor Property	24.3	—0.8
Unicorn America	23.8	—
SW Assets	23.7	16.5
Allied Hambro Pacific	23.2	6.8
M & G Japan	22.1	—8.8
Target Preference	21.9	—5.4
S & P Ebor Energy	21.8	7.7
Henderson Far East	19.6	—
M & G European	19.5	—5.3
Target International	19.4	—
Security Select F	18.6	—6.1
Abbey Investment	17.9	—
Jascot Preference	17.7	—
S & P Ebor Universal	16.6	—12.4
Hill Samuel Int	16.5	19.3
SW Universal Second	16.2	—7.1
Jascot North Sea	16.0	—11.3
SW Gas	15.5	—26.8
Endeavour	14.9	—
M & G Investment	14.8	—18.0
S & P US Growth	14.6	—11.4
S & P Japan Growth	14.5	5.5
Practical	14.4	—4.0
Crescent Inter	12.7	—18.5
NPI Overseas	12.2	—
Unicorn Worldwide	11.7	—
Hill Samuel Fin	11.7	23.7
Henderson N Amer	11.7	—17.0
SW Far East	11.6	—15.2
L & C International	10.3	—5.9
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Gartmore Overseas	9.5	—
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Unicorn Financial	8.9	—11.5
Trident Inter	8.8	—12.3
Target Commodity	8.7	—24.6
S & P Ebor Financial	8.6	—31.8
SW North America	8.6	—
Bridge Talisman Inter	8.5	—48.3
Charterhouse Fit	8.4	—
S & P Scotbits	8.4	—32.4
Allied Hambro Int	8.1	—
SW Invest Trust Units	7.7	—24.5
Trident American	7.6	—
SW Invest Trust Shares	7.3	—23.8
Target Financial	7.2	—20.0
Ldn Wall International	7.0	—5.4
Henderson Internat	6.7	—17.6
SW New Issue	6.2	—47.5
London Wall Financial	6.2	—23.3
Lawson Gilt	6.0	—
Charterhouse European	5.7	7.1
S & P Ebor Commodity	5.6	4.8
GT US & General	5.5	—
Rowan International	5.5	—24.4
National West Finan	5.0	—12.0
Oceanic Overseas	4.9	—29.7
Midland Drayton Inter	4.6	14.0
Target Investment	3.9	—10.6
Jascot Australian	3.8	—
Henderson Australian	3.1	—32.9
Allied Metals Mins Com	3.0	0.9
Jascot Commodity	2.7	—0.4
Jascot Capital	2.5	—36.5
S & P Financial	2.1	—22.9
M & G Australasian	1.5	—6.2
Henderson European	1.4	—17.2
SW Plantations	0.9	—21.1
SW Int Consumer	0.9	—17.3
London & Brussels	0.5	—18.5
Schroder Europe M	—0.6	—15.8
Unicorn Australia	—1.1	—19.7
SW Global Growth	—1.3	—9.7
Jascot Fin & Prop	—2.1	—31.9
Arbuthnot East & I	—3.1	—30.3
Lawson American	—3.1	—36.0
SW Banking	—4.7	—21.6
Oceanic Investment	—4.7	—35.5
New Court Int	—6.0	—17.0
Jascot International	—6.4	—31.7
SW City of London	—8.0	—44.1
Henderson Nat Res	—8.1	—33.1
Henderson Fin	—10.7	—35.2
SW Financial	—11.6	—3.2
Oceanic Financial	—12.2	—15.0
SW Commodity	—12.4	—6.8
SW Nat Resources	—13.3	—29.1
SW Property	—18.5	—42.0
Mid Drayton Com	—24.2	1.7
SW Gold & General	—45.4	—29.3
SW Minerals	—51.3	—

A: Change since March 7, 1975, offer to bid, income reinvested.
B: Change since March 1, 1973, offer to bid, income reinvested. Both taken to March 4, 1976.
M: Trust valued monthly.
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[FIN]ANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

[Stoc]k markets

[W]eak pound and Africa sink gilts

[...] twin worries of Africa [...] e slide of sterling hit [...]ed stocks particularly [ye]sterday and not even a [...] quarter-point off the [Minim]um Lending Rate could [...] losses of almost £1 at [the lon]ger end of the list.

[In c]ontrast, leading equities [...]up reasonably well and [...] the week—and the [...]—easier by just a few [...]

[Thou]gh sterling, in particular, [...] some nervousness there [...] real selling pressure [...]vestors not keen to take [...]sh positions before the [...] count starts on Monday. [...]pm the FT Index was [...] "low" of the day, being [...]4.7. By the close it had [...] to 404.7, a drop of 2.9 [...] day, and of just half a [...] over the week. There was [...] of 13.5 over the two [...] of the account.

[T]he end of the day, the [...] chips" presented a mixed [...] Losses of up to 3p [...] recorded by such as [...] American Tobacco 345p, [...]ms 354p, Glaxo 373p and [...]ulds 153p. But Fisons [...]ed to hold on to 405p, [...] ICI went ahead by a [...] of points to 388p.

[...] rumour in the long-[...]g United Dominions bid story is that Midland's offshoot, Forward Trust, [...] preparing to buy UDT for [aroun]d £40m. Midland's [respo]nse to this suggestion yes-[terda]y was that it is "emphatic-[ally] wrong". UDT's shares [...]l at 30p.

[...]I continued to thrive on [go]od results, adding another [...] 271p, but Wall Street [...]nces did nothing for Rank [...] off 7p to 150p, while [...] "A" was another soft spot [...]g up 7p to 150p.

[Th]e volatility among the big [engin]eers continued and this [...] it was their turn to give [grou]nd. GKN 332p and Tube [Inve]stments 346p were both [...]r by 6p and Hawker Sid-[deley] ended easier by a couple [of po]ints to 422p.

[Fo]llowing the previous day's [...]ts, Barclays led the way [...] in banks. The share lost [...] to 285p, while Lloyds shed [...] 222p, National Westmin-ster 5p to 248p, and Midland 4p to 282p. Standard Chartered, though, had a good day, gaining 7p to 375p, while Provident Financial was another to benefit from recent results, going ahead another 2p to 86p.

Profit-taking ahead of results soon clipped 3p to 113p from BSR, while Felixstowe Dock went easier by a penny to 150p after the statement that the Government offer was still preferred.

Gold shares tended to ignore the situation in southern Africa and take heart from the higher dollar premium. Typical of some good rises were FS Geduld 75p to £17.75, and St Helena £17.25, General Mining £16 and Western Holdings £22.50, all of which put on 50p.

In diamonds, De Beers added 18p to 222p while trading news was a help for Tronoh 2p to 72p and Ayer Hitam which advanced five points to 195p.

Oils were a generally dull pitch with BP losing 5p to 590p Shell 2p to 384p and Ultramar another 2p to 176p.

In contrast to a generally unchanged building sector, AP Cement reacted to the previous session's strength, giving up 3p to 187p and Taylor Woodrow were well below their best, ending 4p easier at 182p. With a yield well above the average for the sector there was a certain amount of interest in Tarmac and, at the close, the price was 2p better, at 182p.

The stores sector managed to resist, in the main, the general downward drift. British Home Stores were unchanged at 365p, as were Gus "A" at 213p. Woolworth gave up half a point to 67½p.

After better interim profits, HTV "A" put on 5p to 76p, while trading news made little difference to GA Oliver 27p and Aquis Securities 16½p.

Lampa Securities rose 4p to 116p *on our mention*. Lampa points out that Mr Malcolm Horsman has already sold half his shareholding. The impression persists that something is afoot between Lamont and Lampa.

New time interest ahead of results in the near future helped J. Coral to add 5p to 118p.

International Computers heads towards dividend freedom and supporters notice plans to start repayment of Government loans from 1978 onward. The original idea was that such repayments would begin when profits reached 7½ per cent of sales. Meanwhile, more new computers are on the way. The shares were 125p; 2p down, but still 96p above their 1975 "low".

A firm, but quiet trend emerged after hours with many of the leading industrial shares picking up 3p or 4p. Oils, in particular, went better by as much as 4p with Ranger gaining 87p to £12.25 after the announcement of a North Sea discovery.

Several gold shares pushed ahead by another 25p with De Beers prominent. Medium-dated gilts responded to the MLR cut and rallied as much as three-eighths in some cases.

Equity turnover on March 4 was £71.67m (20,216 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph, active stocks yesterday were Shell, GKN, Burmah, ICI, Lucas, Turner & Newall, BP, Woolworth, Reed International, Glaxo, British American Tobacco, J. Coral, EMI, Beechams, Scottish Metropolitan and Provident Financial.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Aquis Securities (5p) Fin	0.35	0.45	28/4	0.57	0.93§
Alliance Trust (25p) Fin	3.75	3.65	10/5	5.35	5.25
City & Commerical (25p) Fin	0.62	0.61	31/3	1.41	1.33
Scottish TV (10p) Fin	1.3	Nil	—	1.3	Nil
Tronoh Mines (25p)	2.64	2.64	30/4	4.29	4.02
Wstn Mining Int	2.5*	4*	—	—	6.5*
United Ind (10p) Int	0.16	—	2/4	—	—

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. *Cents a share. §For 21 months.

Dividends once more at Scottish TV

The recovery in the pre-tax profits of Scottish Television at half time was followed in the second half-year to December by a *jump* from £112,000 to £643,000. This yielded a 1975 profit of £766,500 against only £180,000. Turnover rose from £7.42m to £9m. *Dividends* are resumed with a 1.3p payment. Profits are given after an Exchequer levy of £660,000 against £337,000.

Since the beginning of 1976, sales have maintained a satisfactory rate of increase.

The first half-year provided a real breakthrough, after profits had been in retreat since the 1973 pre-tax record of £1.4m. In the half-year they jumped 84.5 per cent to £123,000 and the board forecast a strong second half.

East Asiatic falls

Though the pre-tax profits of the Copenhagen-based East Asiatic Company fell from 245m kronor to 206m (£16.6m) in 1975, the board says the outcome is "satisfactory". It says the results were effected by "unfavourable" freight market conditions and lower earnings in some sectors. Turnover declined from 18,800m kronor to 16,100m thanks mainly to lower raw material prices. The dividend is 12 per cent again. The group comprises 193 companies, of which fewer than 40 are based in Denmark.

Record profits seen by Scottish Metro

In its formal rights document, Scottish Metropolitan Property forecasts pre-tax profits of £870,000 for the year to August 15 next. These would compare with last year's record £820,000. The board estimates that after tax of £384,000 and a £107,000 transfer from reserves for expansion, the amount left *for dividend will be £593,000.*

The company says it will benefit from a £79,000 tax relief because of capital allowances. *On the dividend front,* the board will pay the most allowed. The rights offer is for £4.2m, through the issue of a *new 9* per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 1992-96.

An E. Sussex 'no' to Aurora bid

The board of East Sussex Engineering Group is rejecting the offer by Aurora Holdings of just over 30p a share in cash. Mr G. Suckling, chairman, "strongly deprecates" the events that led to the offer, and deeply regrets the precipitate sale of 45 per cent of the equity by shareholders, without waiting for the board's views of the 1975 results.

Prospects are "excellent" and Treasury approval for a "substantial increase" in the dividend is being sought. Shareholders are urged not to sell to Aurora.

EEC £13m water loan

Two loans totalling £13m have been granted to the National Water Council by the European Investment Bank, the EEC's long-term finance institution, for major water supply schemes in the North of England.

About two-thirds—£9m—will go to the North West Water Authority to help finance a series of works, estimated to cost some £88m, which will meet most of the region's additional water needs until the middle of the next decade.

Carrefour rights

Societe Carrefour, a leading French retailer *with stores in* Britain, is asking shareholders for cash. It plans a rights issue on a *one-for-ten* basis. Last *year there was the usual scrip* issue.

In May, 1970, Carrefour, together with the Hampshire-*based Wheatsheaf Distribution* & Trading, formed Hypermarket (Holdings). Since then, Carrefour has reduced its hold*ing in the company to 10 per* cent. As of last March three Carrefour stores had been opened in Britain. Wheatsheaf was formerly a subsidiary of Ranks Hovis McDougall.

Geo Oliver (Footwear) ahead by 17 pc

George Oliver (Footwear), the Leicester-based *company* retailing mainly in the south and west of England, hoisted pre-tax profits by 17 per cent to *£474,000 in the year to* December 31. Turnover rose from £5.1m to £5.8m.

Shareholders will get a final dividend of 1.61p gross against 1.43p which, with the interim, hoists the total payout to 2.35p, compared with 2.21p. Net profits were ahead by about £37,000 at £216,000 and extraordinary items accounted for £140,000, against £1,000. Earnings a share advanced from 3.2p to 3.9p.

Gen T'phone success

Thanks to a strong fourth quarter upswing, the 1975 net profits of General Telephone & Electronics Corporation moved from $353.22m to $364.99m. Combined telephone and manufacturing sales went up from $5,661.5m to $5,948.4m. Earnings a share in the year fell 2 per cent to $2.88. Net income in the fourth quarter rose by 27 per cent to $117.3m and earnings a share by 19 per cent to 92 cents. Telecommunications did well but losses from entertainment products and related component operations grew.

Mobil—Low & Bonar

*Combining their joint experi*ence in the field, Mobil Paint, an offshoot of petrol-oil giant Mobil, and Low & Bonar Oil *Services, a subsidiary of Bonar* & Law (packaging and engineering), will pool resources in a new venture to supply protec*tive coatings to the offshore oil* industry. Various onshore activities are also expected to benefit.

Commodities

In London, **SUGAR** futures rose sharply yesterday against a back*ground of weakening sterling and* market talk (later confirmed) that Brazil had declared force majeure on sugar shipments through to June.

Sources said the recent upsurge also reflected indications of substantial movements of sugar in the past few days, possibly connected with market talk of offtake by the Soviet Union. The May position was £12.875 up, while August *was £12.25 higher.*

SUGAR.—May, £181.60-81.75 per long ton; Aug, £181.35-81.50; Oct, £180.75-81.25; Dec, £180.00-80.50; March, £179.80-80.00; May, £179.55-79.95; Aug, £179.00-79.95. Sales: 8,867 lots. *ISA prices,* daily, 14.21c, *17-day* average, 13.74c. The London daily prices were: "Raws" £173, up £7 and "Whites" £185, up £5.

COFFEE.—The Robusta terminal closed firm, between £10 and £36 per tonne higher. Trade sources *said the market* moved up to close around the day's "highs", primarily due to weakness of sterling.

Arabicas closed dull, as much as 200 points up. Five lots were traded. **ROBUSTAS.** — March, £850-855 per metric ton; May, £867-868; July, £880-881; Sept, £892-893; Nov, £905-906; Jan, £910-912; March, £916-920. Sales: 2,131 lots, including 56 options. **ARABICAS** were dull.—April, $109.25-9.50 per 50-kilos; June, $108.00-12.00; Aug, $109.80-12.00; Oct, $109.40-50; Dec, $110.25-12.00; Feb, $110.00-12.00; April, $110.00-13.00. Sales: Five lots.

COCOA futures swung sharply back on the upside in the afternoon largely on account of currency developments. Speculative buying and shortcovering were particularly strong in support, sources said, taking values to newly-established "highs" for the day by the close. The tone was firm. Gains ranged from £5 to £15 per tonne.

March, £770.5-1.0 per metric ton; May, £751.5-2.0; July, £737.0-8.0; Sept, £711.5-4.0; Dec, £692.0-3.0; March, £682.0-5.0; May, £670.0-2.0. Sales, 3,317 lots, including three options. ICO prices, daily, 64.68c, *15-day* average, 63.88c, *22-day,* 64.57 (United States cents per lb).

COPPER. — Afternoon. — Cash wire bars, £654-55 a metric ton; three months, £671.50-72.00. Sales, 8,475 tons. Cash cathode, £643-44; three months, £660-60.50. Sales, 1,025 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £651-61.50; three months, £669-69.50. Settlement, £651.50. Sales, 7,675 tons. Cash cathodes, £641-41.50; three months, £659-59.50. Settlement, £641.50. Sales, 650 tons.

SILVER.—*Bullion market (fixing levels).*—Spot, 211p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 422.9); three months, 215.80 (428.6c); six months, 220.90p (435c); one-year, 232.90p (451.2c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 216.3-16.6p; three months, 221-21.1p; seven months, 227.5-28.0p. Sales, 103 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 211.6-11.9p; three months, 216.3-16.5p; seven months, 223-23.5p. Settlement, 211.9p. Sales, 108 lots.

TIN.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,385-89 a metric ton; three months, £3,453-54. Sales, 655 tons. High grade, cash, £3,420-40; three months, £3,485-95. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,357-76; three months, £3,442-43. Settlement, £3,376. Sales, 550 tons. High grade, cash, £3,410-30; three months, £3,475-85. Settlement, £3,430. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, SM1,047 a picul.

LEAD.—Afternoon.—Cash, £190.25-90.50 a *metric ton;* three months, £196-96.50. Sales, 1,725 tons. Morning.—Cash, £191.30-92.00; three months, £197.75-98.00. Settlement, £192. Sales, 3,400 tons.

ZINC.—Afternoon.—Cash, £351-52 a *metric ton;* three months, £361.5-61.75. Sales, 975 tons. Morning.—Cash, £353.50-54.00; three months, £363.50-64.00. Settlement, £354. Sales, 354 tons. Producers' price, $795 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was £2.20 up at £69.55 ($138) a troy ounce.

RUBBER closed very steady. April, 41.75-42.00p per kilo; May, 41.75-42.25p; April-June, 41.75-42.00p; July-Sept, 43.60-43.70p; Oct-Dec, 45.60-45.70p; Jan-March, 46.80-46.90p; April-June, 47.90-47.95p; July-Sept, 48.50-48.70p; Oct-Dec, 49.00-49.10p. Sales, 383 lots at 15 tonnes each, including seven options.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were steady.—Spot, 41.75-43.00, Cifs: April, 39.40-39.65; May, 40-40.50.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—April, £88.10-88.40 per metric ton; June, £88.80-88.90; Aug, £89.90-90.00; Oct, £90.80-91.20; Dec, £91.90-93.20; Feb, £92.90-93.00; April, £93.90-94.00. Sales: 43 lots.

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Feb-March, £196.50 per long ton. "D" grade, Feb-March, £187.50. **Calcutta** was steady.—Indian, spot, Rs505 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Daisee, spot, Rs480.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady. March, 174-76p per kilo; May, 180-85p; July, 187-89p; Oct, 201-202p; Dec, 208-209p; March, 217-219p; May, 220-223p. Sales: 16 lots.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—**WHEAT.**—US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: April-May £95.70; May-June £95.35 direct Tilbury. April £101.10; April-May £99.65; May, £99.35; June, £99.85; July £100.15; Aug, £99.65 *trans-shipment east coast. EEC feed:* March £66.60; early April £67.25 east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French: option March £68.70; early April £68.25; late April £68.75; May, £70 trans-shipment east coast. South African white: April £76.50 Glasgow. South African yellow: April, £70.75 Glasgow.

BARLEY.—EEC feed: early March, £68.75; late March, £69.25; April, £69.75 trans-shipment east coast. All per long ton cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—**BARLEY** was steady: March, £65; May, £66.90; Sept, £65.35; Nov, £67.45; Jan, £69.05. Sales: 101 lots. **WHEAT** was steady: March, £66.85; May, £68.85; Sept, £66.40; Nov, £68.15; Jan, £69.85. Sales: 160 lots. Sept, Nov etc forwards are quoted per tonne; other positions are still per long ton.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices.

	Soft milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Kent	—	£65.85	£61.65
Lancashire	—	—	£64.50

The United Kingdom monetary coefficients for the week beginning Monday, March 8, will remain unchanged.

MEAT COMMISSION.—Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 5:

UK.—Cattle, £24.08 per live cwt (+0.68). Sheep, 45.8p per lb EDCW (+2.2). Pigs, £4.85 per SCLW (+0.04).

ENGLAND AND WALES: Cattle numbers down 7.1 per cent, average price £24.13 (+0.68). Sheep numbers down 13.2 per cent, average price 46.1p (+3.3). Pig numbers down 21.5 per cent, average price £4.85 (+0.03).

SCOTLAND: Cattle numbers up 7.1 per cent, average price £23.39 (+0.68). Sheep numbers up 36.0 per cent, average price 44.6p (+2.0). Pigs, nil.

Briefly

KEELOCK HOLDINGS
Chairman reports in his annual statement that, with recent improvement in economic outlook and company's liquid resources, he hopes group would be able to report a better result at end of current year.

CORONET INDUSTRIAL
In his annual statement, the chairman of Coronet Industrial Securities hopes that the current year's results will not fall materially short of last year.

W. E. NORTON
From sale and leaseback of Norton *House, a capital profit of* not less than £50,000 net will appear in next accounts.

MORICE TOZER & BECK
Alexander Howden's offer for all issued "A" ordinary shares of MT & B drew a 99.3 per cent response. Acceptances also received for *all 10,000 4.9 per cent* cumulative preference shares in MT & B. Offer is now unconditional.

UNITED INDUSTRIAL
Net profit £11,000 (loss £23,000) for first half-year to December 31. Turnover £1.3m (£1.4m). *Interim dividend 0.25p gross (nil).*

FINANCE & IND TRUST
Pre-tax profits £45,000 (£40,000), turnover £102,000 (£92,000) for first six months to January 31. Board hopes to pay a bigger dividend in July. Earnings a share 1.66p (1.49p).

IMPERIAL METAL
Resolution approving capital increase to £70m to allow for rights issues passed. Allotment letters posted and dealing in new shares starts March 8.

CABLE TRUST
Company arranged an unsecured loan of $10m (£5m) with Bank of Montreal for three years.

KCA DRILLING
Berry Wiggins' offer for the minority shareholding in its subsidiary, KCA Drilling Group, has now been accepted by more than 75 per cent of the minority shareholders, holding in excess of 90 per cent of the minority shares. Berry Wiggins is applying the *Companies Act 1948 to acquire* compulsorily the remaining shares.

PHARAOH GANE
Turnover for half-year to Dec 31, £18.7m (£41.95m). Pre-tax profit, £94,700 (£253,000). Pharaoh Gane is a subsidiary of United City Merchants.

RADIO RENTALS
Radio Rentals (subsidiary of Thorn Electrical) reports turnover for half-year to Sept 30, £52.32m (£48.4m). Pre-tax profit, £10.63m (£11.1m).

KINGSIDE INV
Auditors have proposed a plan which might lead to the saving of a "considerable amount" of tax, board reports. It will not be possible to publish 1975 accounts within the next few days.

COSTAIN AUSTRALIA
Net profit, after tax, for 1975, $A2.21m ($A1.65m). Gross revenue $A49.5m ($A40.96m). Total payment, 8 cents (6 cents).—Reuter, Melbourne.

Alliance Trust

The Dundee-based Alliance Trust has raised its payment to shareholders. The final dividend for the year to January 31 is 5.77p gross against 5.44p, making the year's total 8.23p, compared with 8.08p. Net revenue was slightly down at £2.8m and earnings a share dropped from 5.77p to 5.56p.

Meanwhile, *its investment* twin, Second Alliance Trust will pay shareholders an interim of 2.15p, against 2.46p, for the year *to July 31, next. Earnings* a share are expected to rise from 4.88p to 5p.

Allied Textile export hopes

The hopes of Allied Textile Companies in the current year to September 30 are based on the view that the wool industry had passed through the worst of its cyclical downturn. Better demand, particularly from abroad, is expected in the wake of rising prices.

Mr J. E. Lumb, chairman, in his annual review, reports in this context that activity in most parts of the group is "gradually improving", though there are great pressures on margins. Home trade is unlikely to improve appreciably *until the economy revives,* but exports should begin to climb. Throughout the group, there is no significant loss-maker, and first-quarter results compared "favourably"; with the same period a year earlier.

The balance-sheet shows much better liquidity. By the end of December the net bank balance was about £1m in credit. This improved liquidity was after allowing for £1.7m of capital spending. A further £750,000 is to be spent this year on plant and machinery.

Last year pre-tax profits were £1.5m compared with £2m on a slightly lower turnover. A continuing problem is that the balance between home trade *supply and demand remains dis*turbed by the high levels of imports.

[F]oreign [E]xchange

[In] one of its sharpest falls on currency markets since being [floa]ted, sterling yesterday [dec]lined steeply below the two [dolla]rs spot delivery level against United States currency.

[Si]multaneously, the pound [fe]ll to a record level of [...] de-weighted depreciation". [The] Bank of England's Smith-[sonia]n-based depreciation indicator [...] to a record 31.5 per cent by [the] close of trading from 30.3 [per c]ent overnight [...]

[...] the pound closed at $1.9820, [...] 320 points against the [...]

[...] Sterling's [...] created currency nervousness [...] in line with the French franc [...] under pressure in terms of [...] and marks.

[Go]ld rose $1.25 an ounce, to [...] $134.00.

[Sp]ot Position of Sterling

[illegible]

[Fo]rward Levels

[illegible]

[G]old

[illegible]

Discount market

The flow of credit again proved adequate for the discount market yesterday, and the authorities remained on the sidelines. At one stage it had looked as though there might have been a fair surplus, but a swing on the Exchequer accounts caused money flows to diminish in the early *afternoon.*

Turnover was not great, the clearing banks were not very active, and the market was nervous all day over the possibility of an MLR cut and the gyrations of the pound in the foreign exchange market.

Through much of the morning, rates stayed around 8¼ per cent, they came off to 8 per cent at lunch-time, and dipped at one stage to 7¾ per cent. Closing rates were between 7¾ and 8¾ per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 9%
(Last changed 5/3/76)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 9½%
Discount Mkt. Loans %
Weekend: Open 8½ Close 8
Week Fixed: 8¾-8½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	8[illegible]	2 months	8[illegible]
3 months	8½	3 months	8[illegible]

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	[illegible]	3 months	8¾
3 months	[illegible]	4 months	9¼
4 months	[illegible]	6 months	9¼
6 months	[illegible]		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	[illegible]	7 months	[illegible]
2 months	[illegible]	8 months	[illegible]
3 months	[illegible]	9 months	[illegible]
4 months	[illegible]	10 months	[illegible]
5 months	[illegible]	11 months	[illegible]
6 months	[illegible]	12 months	10¼-9¾

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	[illegible]	6 months	[illegible]
3 months	[illegible]	12 months	[illegible]

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	[illegible]	3 months	8¾
7 days	[illegible]	6 months	9
1 month	8½	1 year	10¼

Interbank Market (%)
Weekend: Open 8¼-8½ Close 8¼

1 week	[illegible]	6 months	9
1 month	[illegible]	9 months	[illegible]
3 months	[illegible]	12 months	[illegible]

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 9¼ 6 months 9½

Finance House Base Rate 10%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£1,132.4m	allotted	£300m
Bids at	£97.88%	received	39%
Last week	£97.84½%	received	8%
Average rate	£8.4817%	Last week	£8.6181%
Next week	£350m	replace	£400m

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Bowring C.T. 10% Cnv (£100)	£135
Electra Inv 25p Ord (87)	[illegible]
GLC 13¼% 1983 (£100)	[illegible]
LASMO 10p Unit (10)	162-1
Do 14% Ln 81-83 (£100a)	£20-½
SCOT 10p Unit (10)	162-1
Do 14% Ln 81-85 (£100a)	£28-½
Treasury 9½% A 1980 (£96)	[illegible]
Treasury 12½% A 1983 (£96a)	[illegible]

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Allen E Balfour (80)		14 prem
Blackwd Hodge (20)	Mar 7	149
Braham Millar (28)	Apr 12	4 prem
Concentric (294)	Apr 15	4 prem
HAT Group (31)	Apr 9	8½ prem
Jackson JHB (15)	Apr 9	21
LCP (57)	Apr 6	6½ prem
Lloyd F. H. (5)	Jul 20	65
Lloyds Bank (210)	Apr 23	31 prem-3
Meyer M L (54)	Apr 2	15 prem
Standard Chart Bk (355)		26 prem
Tecalemit (42)	Apr 2	5½ prem
Triplex Found (42)	Apr 14	17 prem
Turner Newall (182)	Jun 11	14 prem
Ward T. W. (46)	May 12	3 prem
Whewy Watson (8)		3 prem-½

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £50 paid. b £10 paid.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank	9½%
First London Secs	9½%
C. Hoare & Co	*9½%
Lloyds Bank	9½%
Midland Bank	9½%
Nat Westminster	9½%
Rossminster ACC's	9½%
Shenley Trust	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	9½%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 6¼%, up to £25,000, 6½%, over £25,000, 6¾%.

Amoco Aust wooed by Ampol and H. C. Sleigh

Ampol Petroleum and H. C. Sleigh are evaluating the assets of Amoco Australia with "a *view to a possible takeover*", Ampol's managing director, Mr A. E. Harris, said yesterday. Amoco has been asked if it is prepared to consider an offer.

The evaluation is incomplete and no final conclusions have been reached, he said.

Amoco's managing director, Mr L. D. Thomas, said that the Ampol-Sleigh inquiries were unsolicited, and Amoco has no intention of disposing of its petroleum marketing and manufacturing assets. The complexities involved mean that Amoco does not expect to reach any decision for about three months.—Reuter.

UOP INC
UOP Inc is completing the sale of its fragrances division to Naarden International NV. This was foreshadowed last October.

City & Cmmcl peak

A peak pre-tax profit of £510,000 was made by City & Commercial Investment Trust in the year to January 31, a rise of 13 per cent. Shareholders will receive a *dividend* of 2.17p against 1.98p. The net asset value a share is 169.3p compared with 52.75p.

Eurobond prices are on page 22

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1975/76 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
46	25	Armitage & Rhodes	33	—	3.0	9.1	8.7
104	94	Deborah Services	104	—	7.5	7.2	5.5
150	115	Henry Sykes	145	—	4.9	3.4	9.7
36	18	Twinlock Ord	22	—	0.9	4.2	5.4
67	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	64	−1	12.0	18.8	
63	48	Unilock Holdings	60	—	4.5	7.5	11.6

Wall Street

New York, March 5.—Wall Street stocks were mixed at the close after an early advance col*lapsed. The Dow Jones industrial* average closed with a gain of 2.28 points to 972.92. However, declining issues were about even with gainers.

Volume totalled 23,030,000 shares compared with 24,410,000 yesterday.

Brokers attributed moderate *early buying interest to the report* of a substantial decline in the money supply in the latest *Reporting Week.* They said investors hoped the decline would prevent any further credit tightening by the Federal Reserve.

Analysts said, however, that the decline was because of special *factors; that it was probably* expected by the Fed when it tightened monetary policy a week ago; and that further gains in the money supply are likely in the weeks ahead.—AP-Dow Jones.

US gold gains $1.90

New York, March 5.—GOLD futures closed higher in active trading on the Comex and IMM. Comex closed $1.30 to $1.70 higher. IMM prices were up $1.00 to $1.90. Estimated volume on the Comex was 2,056. *IMM sales were* 1,673. NY COMEX.—March, $134.50; April, $134.50; May, $134.50; June, $134.70; Aug, $135.60; Oct, $136.70; Dec, $137.80; Feb, $138.90; April, $140.10; June, $141.30. CHICAGO.—March, $134.10; June, $134.90-134.70; Sept, $136.10-136.20; Dec, $137.90; March, $140.30; June, $141.50.

SILVER.—Comex futures finished about 0.60c to 4.70c up. Volume was estimated at 12,800. March, 426.10c; April, 427.00c; May, 429.80c; July, *434.80c; Sept, 440.20c; Dec, 449.30c;* Jan, 452.20c; March, 458.20c; May, 464.30c; July, 470.30c. Handy and Harman, 438.60c (previous 430.00c); Handy and Harman of Canada, Can$4.35 (Can$4.16).

COPPER steady; 3,336 estimated sales. March, 60.10c; April, 60.30c; May, 60.70c; July, 61.60c; Sept, 62.50c; Dec, 63.60c; Jan, 64.00c; March, 64.90c.

SUGAR.—World futures closed 0.15c to 0.39c up. *Volume was heavy,* at 7,218 lots.—Spot, 15.25c up 0.25c; May, 14.94-14.99c; July, 14.98-14.99c; Sept, 14.90-14.98c; Oct, 14.87-14.90c; Jan, 14.69c nominal; March, 14.70-14.85c; May, 14.66c; July, 14.61-14.60c.

COCOA.—Futures closed 0.03c to 0.38c down on 916 sales.—March, 59.20c; May, 65.60c; July, 62.75c; Sept, 60.70c; Dec, 58.10c; March, 56.60c; May, 55.95c. Spots: Ghana, 75; Bahia, 70.

COFFEE.—Closing prices were 0.27c to 1.00c up on 542 sales. March, 98.70c; May, 98.80c; July, 99.10c; Sept, 99.10c; Dec, 99.10c; March, 99.05c nominal.

COTTON.—Final prices were 0.11c to 0.50c higher. Turnover was 1,550. March, 61.85-61.95c; May, 61.80-61.85c; July, 63.00c; Oct, 60.50-60.65c; Dec, 58.70c; March, 59.40-59.50c; May, 59.70-59.85c; July, 59.90c.

WOOL.—Grease wool closed unchanged to 0.10 higher. Crossbred were up 0.20c. GREASE WOOL.—Spot, 167.0c nominal; March, 166.0-168.0c; May, 163.0-168.0c; July, 161.0-166.0c; Oct, 161.0-165.0c; Dec, 161.0-166.0c; March, *160.0-165.0c.* CROSSBRED.—Spot, 100.0c nominal; March, 98.0-100.0c; May, 98.0-101.0c; July, 99.0-100.0c; Oct, 99.0-103.0c; Dec, 99.0-103.0c; March, 96.0-103.0c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Soyabeans finished ½c to 3c lower; meal was $0.20 to $1.00 lower, and oil finished 0.03c higher to 0.05c lower. SOYABEANS. March, 479-478½c; May, 487-487½c; July, 495½-495c; Aug, 499c; Sept, 502c; Nov, 507-506c; Jan, 515c; March, 523½c; May, 530c. SOYABEAN MEAL. March, $131.80. NEW.—March, $131.60; May, $134.80-134.60; July, $137.00-137.10; Aug, $138.60; Sept, $139.50-140.50; Oct, $140.00-140.50; Dec, $142.60-143.00; Jan, $144.60-148.50. SOYABEAN OIL. March, 17.10-17.16c; May, 17.32-17.30c; July, 17.55-17.58c; Aug, 17.55-17.60c; Sept, 17.70-17.60c; Oct, 17.70-17.60c; Dec, 17.80c; Jan, 17.85-17.90c; March, 17.90-17.95c; May, 18.05-18.10c.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—Wheat finished 1½c to ½c lower. Maize was ½c lower to ½c higher. WHEAT. March, 378½-379c; May, 380½-387c; July, 393-391c; Sept, 396½c; Dec, 407½c; March, 416c. MAIZE. March, 270½-271c; May, 270-275½c; July, 272½-270½c; Sept, 277½c; Dec, 272-271½c; March, 277½c; May, 280½c. OATS. March, 163½c; May, 161c; July, 157½c; Sept, 154½c; Dec, 155c.

	Mar 5	Mar 4
Allied Chem	42¼	42
Allied Stores	55¾	54⅝
Allied Supermkt	3⅝	3⅝
Allis Chalmers	17⅞	17⅝
Alcoa	47⅞	47¾
Amax Inc	48⅝	48⅝
Amerada Hess	18⅞	18⅝
Am Airlines	10⅞	11
Am Brands	42	41⅞
Am Broadcast	28½	27⅞
Am Can	34⅞	34
Am Cyanamid	26¼	26⅞
Am Elec Power	21	21
Am Home	33⅞	33⅞
Am Motors	6⅞	6¾
Am Nat Gas	34⅞	33⅞
Am Standard	23¾	23⅞
Am Telephone	55	54⅞
AMF Inc	20½	20½
Anaconda	19½	19½
Armco Steel	33	32¾
Asarco	17½	17⅞
Ashland Oil	25⅞	25½
Atlntic Richfield	83¾	81⅞
Arco	10	10⅝
Avon Products	38	38
Babcock & Wcox	26⅞	26⅞
Bankers Tst NY	32	32⅞
Bank of America	48¾ak	48¾ak
Bank of NY	31	31⅛
Beatrice Foods	23	23⅞
Bell & Howell	23¼	21½
Bendix	55½	56⅛
Bethlehem Steel	40¼	40½
Boeing	28⅝	26⅞
Boise Cascade	28½	28⅝
Borden	27	27¼
Borg Warner	27¼	28⅝
Bristol Myers	66¾	67
BP	11⅞	11⅞
Budd	15	14⅞
Burlington Ind	31	31½
Burlington Nthn	38¼	38½
Burroughs	101⅞	101⅞
Campbell Soup	33¾	32⅞
Canadian Pacific	18⅞	18½
Caterpillar	87	88⅞
Celanese	53	53½
Central Soya	14¾	14½
Charter NY	28½	29⅞
Chase Manhat	28¾	29½
Chem Bank NY	34⅞	35¼
Chesapeake Ohio	35¾	36⅞
Chrysler	18⅞	18⅞
Citicorp	30⅞	30⅞
Cities Service	41⅞	41¾
Clark Equip	38⅞	37⅞
Coca Cola	84⅞	85
Colgate	29	28⅞
CBS	57⅞	57¾
Columbia Gas	23⅞	24¼
Combustion Eng	36⅞	37⅞
Comwlth Edison	28½	28⅞
Cons Edison	16⅞	16⅞
Cons Foods	19⅞	19⅞
Cons Power	20¼	20⅞
Continental Can	28⅞	28⅝
Continental Oil	60	59⅞
Control Data	25⅞	22⅞
Corning Glass	63¾	62⅞
CPC Intnl	44¼	44⅞
Crane	68⅞	70⅞
Crocker Int	25½	25⅞
Crown Zeller	45⅞	45¼
Dart Ind	34¼	34½
Deere	67⅞	67¼
Del Monte	28½	24
Delta Air	42¼	41⅞
Detroit Edison	14⅞	14⅞
Disney	58	57½
Dow Chemical	110½	108¾
Dresser Ind	70⅞	72
Duke Power	17⅞	17½
Du Pont	153	153⅞
Eastern Air	8¼	7⅞
Eastman Kodak	108¾	108½
Eaton Corp	36½	38⅞
El Paso Nat Gas	14	13⅞
Equitable Life	20¼	20
Esmark	38	37⅞
Evans P. D.	7½	7½
Exxon Corp	87⅞	88
Fed Dept Stores	56⅞	56⅞
Firestone	22⅞	24⅞
Fst Chicago	23⅞	22¼
Fst Nat Boston	24⅞	24
Fst Penn Corp	15⅞	15⅞

	Mar 5	Mar 4
Ford	55⅞	51⅞
GAF Corp	14⅞	15
Gamble Skogmo	26⅞	27
Gen Dynamics	43¾	43½
Gen Electric	51	50⅞
Gen Foods	29¼	28⅞
Gen Instrument	12⅞	11⅞
Gen Mills	31⅞	30¾
Gen Motors	68½	67⅞
Gen Pub Util NY	16⅞	16⅞
Gen Tel Elec	26⅞	26⅞
Gen Tire	22	22
Genesco	7⅞	7⅞
Georgia Pacific	52	50⅞
Getty Oil	158¼	158
Gillette	33⅞	32½
Goodrich	25⅞	26⅞
Goodyear	23⅞	22⅞
Gould Inc	30⅞	30½
Grace	29¾	29⅞
Gt Atlntc & Pacific	12⅞	12⅞
Greyhound	16⅞	16⅞
Grumman Corp	16⅞	16⅞
Gulf Oil	22⅞	22⅞
Gulf & West	25½	25½
Heinz H. J.	49¾	50
Hercules	30⅞	30⅞
Honeywell	51⅞	51⅞
IC Inds	20½	20½
Ingersoll	85⅞	86
Inland Steel	50	49½
IBM	257½	256¼
Int Harvester	27⅞	27⅞
Int Nickel	31⅞	31¼
Int Paper	76⅞	76⅞
Int Tel Tel	28	27⅞
Jewel Co	20¼	20⅞
Jim Walter	40⅞	40
Johns-Manville	30⅞	29⅞
Johnson & John	82⅞	82⅞
Kaiser Alumin	31½	32
Kennecott	35¼	34½
Kerr McGee	63¾	63⅞
Kimberly Clark	39⅞	39⅞
Kraftco Corp	43¾	43½
Kresge SS	35¾	35¾
Kroger	19⅞	19½
Ligg Myer	33¼	32⅞
Litton	16	16⅞
Lockheed	10¼	9¾
Lucky Stores	15⅞	15⅞
Manuf Hanover	33⅞	34⅞
Mapco	33⅞	33½
Marathon Oil	45¾	46¾
Marcor Inc	29	29¼
Marine Midland	11⅞	11⅞
Martin Marietta	20	20¼
McDonnell	17	17¼
Mead	28¼	28¾
Merck	67⅞	67¾
Minnesota Mng	58	58
Mobil Oil	51½	51⅞
Monsanto	94½	95⅞
Morgan J. P.	55¾	55⅞
Motorola	44⅞	43⅞
NCR Corp	26¼	26⅞
NL Industries	17⅞	18¼
Nabisco	36¼	36
Nat Distillers	24	24¼
Nat Steel	49½	50
Norfolk West	78	77⅞
NW Bancorp	44⅞	42⅞
Norton Simon	21⅞	21½
Occidental Pet	16	15⅞
Ogden	22	22⅞
Olin Corp	42¼	43
Otis Elevator	38½	38¼
Owens-Illinois	55¾	57½
Pacific Gas Elec	20½	20¾
Pan Am	7	6⅞
Penn Central	2⅞	2⅞
Penney J. C.	56½	54⅞
Pennzoil	25¼	25⅞
Pepsico	71½	71⅞
Pet Inc	24⅞	24⅞
Pfizer	28⅞	28½
Phelps Dodge	41⅞	41⅞
Philip Morris	51½	53⅞
Phillips Petrol	60⅞	61½
Polaroid	38	37½
PPG Ind	45⅞	46
Proctor Gamble	82⅞	82½
Pub Ser El & Gas	18¼	18⅞
Pullman	32⅞	32⅞
Rapid American	7⅞	7⅞
Raytheon	47½	47¼
RCA Corp	24⅞	24⅞

	Mar 5	Mar 4
Republic Steel	38½	39
Reynolds Ind	62⅞	62⅞
Reynolds Metal	38⅞	38¾
Rockwell Int	26¼	27¼
Royal Dutch	44¼	43⅞
Safeways	47¼	47½
St Regis Paper	48¾	47⅞
Santa Fe Ind	36⅞	35¾
SCM	16¾	17
Schlumberger	71	71⅞
Scott Paper	21½	21¼
Seaboard Coast	25¼	25⅞
Seagram	29½	29½
Sears Roebuck	71	71⅞
Shell Oil	47⅞	47⅞
Shell Trans	30⅞	30⅞
Signal Co	16⅞	16⅞
Singer	17½	17⅞
Sony	8½	8⅞
Sth Cal Edison	19⅞	19⅞
Southern Pacific	35⅞	35⅞
Southern Rly	58¼	58¾
Sperry Rand	45	44⅞
Squibb	31⅞	30¾
Std Brands	36¼	35½
Std Oil Califnia	38	29¾
Std Oil Indiana	42⅞	41⅞
Std Oil Ohio	64⅞	62⅞
Sterling Drug	17⅞	17½
Stevens J. P.	23¼	23⅞
Stude Worth	42⅞	43
Sunbeam Corp	26¼	26¼
Sundstrand	23¾	23¾
Sun Oil	28¼	28
Teledyne	52⅞	51¾
Tenneco	26⅞	26⅞
Texaco	24¼	24¾
Texas East Trans	31½	31⅞
Texas Inst	113⅞	114⅞
Texas Utilities	18⅞	18⅞
Textron	26⅞	26⅞
TWA	12⅞	12½
Travelers Corp	28¾	28
TRW Inc	34⅞	34¼
UAL Inc	25	26⅞
Unilever Ltd	34⅞	36⅞
Unilever NY	47⅞	48⅞
Unionamerica	2⅞	2⅞
Union Bancorp	9½	9⅞
Union Carbide	73¾	73½
Union Oil Calif	42⅞	42⅞
Un Pacific Corp	77¼	77⅞
Uniroyal	9⅞	9½
United Brands	8⅞	9
Utd Merch & Man	16¼	16
US Industries	5⅞	5⅞
US Steel	82⅞	81⅞
Utd Technol	57⅞	58
Vought Corp	15⅞	15⅞
Wachovia	22⅞	22½
Warner Comm	23⅞	23
Warner Lambert	32	32⅞
Wells Fargo	18⅞	18⅞
West'n Bancorp	20½	20⅞
Westnghse Elec	16¼	16⅞
Weyerhauser	42¼	42⅞
Whirlpool	31⅞	31¼
White Motor	7½	7⅞
Woolworth	23¼	23⅞
Xerox Corp	62⅞	62¼
Zenith	37⅞	38

Canadian Prices

	Mar 5	Mar 4
Abitibi	12⅞	12¾
Alcan Alumin	25⅞	25½
Algoma Steel	25⅞	26½
Bell Telephone	45⅞	46
Cominco	38	38
Cons Bathurst	36½	36
Falconbridge	31⅞	33⅞
Gulf Oil	31⅞	31⅞
Hawker/Sid Can	7.75	7.75
Hudson Bay Min	19⅞	19⅞
Hudson Bay Oil	38	38
Imasco	27½	27⅞
Imperial Oil	29⅞	23⅞
Int Pipe	14	15⅞
Mass-Fergsn	31⅞	30⅞
Royal Trust	23½	23¾
Seagram	29¾	29¼
Steel Co	26¼	25¼
Talcorp	7⅞	7⅞
Thomson N 'A'	13⅞	13⅞
Walker Hiram	32½	32⅞
WCT	24¼	24¼

• Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $1.9685 ($2.0105); three months, $1.9365 ($1.9957); Canadian dollar, 100.65c (101.12c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index rose 0.65 to 316.56. The futures index was off 0.40 at 308.06.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 972.64 (970.64); transportation, 205.21 (204.81); utilities, 85.79 (86.08); 65 stocks, 297.23 (296.79). New York Stock Exchange index, 55.06 (53.95); industrials, 59.19 (59.04); transportation, 39.05 (38.83); utilities 34.94 (34.96); financial, 61.39 (61.47).

Mr. D. F. Walton reports

Confidence in Group's inherent ability and strength

At the Annual General Meeting of Thos. W. Ward Ltd., held in Sheffield on 5th March, 1976, Mr. D. F. Walton, Chairman and Managing Director, in the course of his review said:

The Group trading profit of £11,278,000 shows an increase over the previous year's figure of £11,080,000 on turnover up from £146,582,000 to £188,094,000, but the net profit after charging interest has reduced from *£7,874,000 to £6,878,000.*

This downturn in profits results principally from the effect on our margins of the reduced levels of economic activity in the second half of the year, particularly *in the Iron and Steel activities, and to trading losses incurred by Marshall-Fowler* Ltd. prior to disposal of its business (announced in September 1975), the scale of which could not be foreseen earlier in the year.

The total gross dividend for the year of 5.625p is equivalent to that paid for 1974. Your Board are confident that the Group has the inherent ability and strength to increase its profitability when economic conditions improve.

PROSPECTS FOR 1975/76

Since March last year the majority of our operations, in common with much of British industry, has been running at reducing levels with smaller margins, particularly in the case of the Engineering and Iron and Steel activities.

In the Construction sector, the cement companies, which are its major constituent, had a reasonable year under the circumstances of 1975 and we would expect this to be the case again in 1976. Our Motor *Vehicle Distribution companies had a credit*able year in 1975, but they will not maintain these results during the current year. In the Industrial Services sector where activities are mainly merchanting, if the hoped for economic recovery does materialise its results will improve.

Concluding his review, Mr. Walton said: I have referred to the external constraints which affect the Group, but there are other areas within the Group where performance requires improvement. Action has been taken in a number of these areas and is being taken in others. With the support I am *receiving from all within the Group I am* confident of a successful outcome when the economy recovers.

The Board are raising the sum of nearly £6 million by a rights issue on the basis of one new Ordinary Share at a price of 46p per share for every three Ordinary Shares held.
***The proceeds of the issue will initially reduce the overdrafts and will subsequently be* used to finance the remaining portion of the investment programme in the cement subsidiary.**

Salient figures for the last five years

	1975	1974	1973 (15 months)	1972	1971
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Turnover	188.094	146.582	153.615	86.617	77,800
Profit before Tax	6.878	7.874	7.959	5.563	4.552
Profit after Tax	2.789	3.707	4.694	3.310	2.707
Profit relating to Thos. W. Ward Limited	3.438	1.161	4.448	2.867	2.488
Basic earnings per share	7.2p	9.5p	11.8p	8.0p	8.0p
Gross Dividend per Ordinary Share	5.6p	5.6p	6.6p	5.0p	4.4p

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MARKET REPORTS

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981	104	105
Air France 9¾ 1982	103½	103¼
Airlease 8⅝ 1988	90¾	91½
ARDB 9¾ 1980	101¾	102¼
Ashland 8 1987	93½	96½
Barclays Bank 9¾ 1982	101	102
BFCE 9 1982	102	103
Broken Hill Prop 9¼ 1981	107½	104½
British Steel Corp 8⅝ 1989	90	95
Burlington 7¾ 1987	95½	94½
Carrier 8 1987	95	94
CECA 8⅞ 1982	101½	102¼
Chevron 7 1980	99½	100¼
Conoco 7 1980	98½	99½
Conoco 8 1986	98½	99½
Cons Foods 7¾ 1991	90½	91½
CSR 9¼ 1980	102	103
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1989	93½	95½
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	102½	103½
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	94½	95½
Dana 8 1987	94½	95½
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	88	89
DSM 9¼ 1980	102½	103½
EIB 9 1980	102¾	103¾
EIB 9¼ 1985	103	104
Escom 9¼ 1980	88½	89½
Escom 10¼ 1985	95½	97
Escom Floating Rate 8¼ 1982	95½	96¼
First Chicago 7 1980	96¾	97¾
GATX 8¼ 1987	95½	96½
Gould 9½ 1985	101½	102½
Guardian Royal 8 1987	81	82
Gulf and Western 9¼ 1980	102½	103¾
ICI 7¾ 1992	87	88
International Util 8¼ 1982	98	99
Motorola 8 1987	96	97
National Coal Board 8⅞ 1988	88	89
New Zealand 9 1980	103¼	104¼
New Zealand 9¼ 1982	103	104
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	103	104
Nippon Steel 9¼ 1980	102	103
N A Rockwell 8¼ 1987	93½	94½
Occidental 10 1981	100¼	101¼
Ontario Hydro 9 1980	104¼	105¼
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	95½	96½
Pacific Lighting 9¼ 1981	101¼	102¼
Pennwalt 8 1987	95½	96½
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	94¼	95½
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	92	93
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	98½	99½
Shell 7½ 1987	96¼	97¼
Singer 11 1977	99	100
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	105½	106½
Standard Oil 8¼ 1980	102¼	103¼
Standard Oil 8⅝ 1988	100½	101½
Standard Oil 8¼ 1988	100¼	101¼
Statsgoretag 9¼ 1980	101	102
Sybron 8 1987	95¼	96¼
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	90½	91½
Textron 7¾ 1987	89¼	90¼
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1980	95¼	96¼
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	95¼	96¼
Williams & Glyns 8¼ 1987	87¼	89
DM BONDS		
CFP 8¼ 1985	102	103
Denmark 9¼ 1989	103½	104½
ICI 8¼ 1982	102¼	103¼
Mexico 9 1985	102	103
National Westminster 8 1988	98	99
Sumitomo Metal Inds 8¾ 1982	103	104
Sun Int Fin 7¾ 1988	96½	96½
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	71	73
American Express 4¾ 1987	85	87
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	95	97
Beatrice Foods 6⅝ 1991	108	110
Beatrice Foods 4⅞ 1993	101	103
Borden 5 1992	96	98
Borden 6¾ 1991	107	109
Broadway Hale 4⅞ 1987	77	79
Carnation 4 1988	82	84
Chevron 5 1992	100¼	102¼
Cummins 6¼ 1986	87	89
Dart 4¾ 1987	89½	91½
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	119	121
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	82	84
Federated Dept Stores 4¾ 1985	137	139
Ford 5 1988	89	91
Ford 6 1986	98	100
Gillette 4¾ 1987	82	84
Gould 5 1987	89	91
General Electric 4¼ 1987	89	91
Gulf and Western 5 1988	105½	107½
Harris 5 1987	85	87
Honeywell 6 1986	84	86
ITT 4½ 1987	77½	79½
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	120	122
JP Morgan 4¼ 1987	111	113
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	93	95
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	100	102
JC Penney 4½ 1987	81	83
Revlon 4⅞ 1987	101	103
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	101	103
Squibb 4¾ 1987	82	84
Texaco 4¾ 1988	77	79
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	151½	153½
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	94	96
Xerox Corp 5 1988	78	80

DM = Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Sirdar's £1m speed-up

Yorkshire-based hand-knitting yarns group Sirdar is stepping up its planned investment programme. Orders for new plant worth £1m have been placed for installation during 1976. This expenditure will qualify for grants under the wool textile industry assistance scheme and is expected to be financed from cash flow, say the directors. The replacement of existing plant with the most modern machines, they add, should enable a standard of efficiency comparable with its best European competitors.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1975-76 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorized Unit Trusts			
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
31.2	19.9	Abbey Capital	23.5	25.0	4.01
34.7	19.4	Abbey General	33.3	37.6	4.04
29.2	13.3	Do Income	28.7	30.5	5.52
29.2	13.9	Do Invest	26.5	28.2	4.02
		Allen Trust Managers Ltd.			
		14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6371			
60.2	33.1	Albon Trust*	57.9	62.1	3.16
54.0	24.3	Do Income*	52.5	56.4	5.92
		Allied Hambro Group.			
		Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
59.1	30.3	Allied Capital	55.3	59.6	5.20
54.2	21.4	Do 1st	50.5	54.2e	5.22
53.8	29.0	Brit Ind 2nd	51.5	55.0	5.58
30.7	18.2	Growth & Inc	28.2	31.2	5.54
26.2	14.5	Elec & Ind Dev	25.0	28.1	5.42
29.9	19.7	Met Min&Cmdty	27.0	29.3	6.94
51.0	29.1	High Income	47.9	51.2e	6.88
30.9	16.4	Equity Income	29.0	32.0e	6.57
24.1	18.8	International	22.3	23.8e	2.18
47.6	25.0	HighYieldFnd	46.1	49.2e	9.04
98.1	43.9	Hambro Fnd	94.4	98.2	5.35
44.3	22.7	Do Income	42.4	45.3e	6.73
111.0	44.3	Do Recovery	108.3	115.7	5.64
20.6	9.9	Do Smaller	19.8	21.2	6.11
33.4	13.4	Do Accum	32.1	33.6	4.77
26.4	13.6	2nd Smaller	25.6	27.3e	6.47
50.3	32.4	Secs of America	47.5	50.7	2.67
28.9	28.3	Pacific Fnd	28.0	29.9	1.68
142.2	89.9	Exempt Fnd	142.2	149.7	5.98
		Arbuthnot Securities Ltd.			
		21 Leven St, Edinburgh, EH3 9LH. 031-226 1491			
33.6	20.6	Giants	31.2	33.6	3.69
35.6	21.7	Do Accum	34.0	36.6	3.69
30.5	19.2	Growth	27.1	29.2	3.56
33.0	19.0	Do Accum	29.9	32.2	3.56
33.4	20.7	Income	33.1	35.6	9.99
39.2	23.4	Do Accum	38.9	41.9	9.99
20.6	13.8	East & Int Acc	18.7	20.1	2.46
21.5	12.5	Compound (1)	24.4	26.3e	8.73
30.9	14.1	Do Accum (1)	30.8	33.1e	8.73
24.7	12.7	8% W'draw (1)	24.7	26.6	..
24.2	17.4	Preference	23.5	25.3	12.64
30.4	19.5	Do Accum	29.9	31.8	12.64
17.9	9.9	Cap (2)	16.5	17.7	..
16.3	11.2	Aust Comp Fnd	13.7	14.7e	5.79
14.7	10.7	8% W'draw	11.9	12.5e	5.79
23.6	15.1	Sector Ldrs (3)	20.2	22.4	4.50
16.4	8.5	Fin & Prop (3)	13.1	13.4	4.53
30.4	21.5	Int Growth (4)	28.6	30.6	1.00
21.9	12.1	Nth Sea (3)	20.1	21.6	3.50
37.3	23.5	Commodity (5)	34.4	37.0	7.53
48.1	29.4	Do Accum (5)	44.6	48.0	7.53
37.7	24.1	10% W'draw (5)	34.1	36.7	..
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd.			
		252 6 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5544			
36.5	25.4	Unicorn Amer	33.3	35.6	1.96
58.4	42.9	Aust Income	50.0	54.3e	2.56
71.3	50.5	Do Accum	61.6	66.4e	2.56
60.0	28.1	Unicorn Capital	55.4	59.6e	4.26
50.4	30.3	Exempt	47.4	50.6	6.02
23.5	11.1	Extra Income	21.6	24.0	7.79
53.7	32.4	Financial	49.1	53.1	4.45
54.1	26.5	Unicorn '500'	52.5	56.5e	5.19
25.2	12.0	General	24.1	26.0	5.30
30.3	14.9	Growth Accum	29.0	31.1	4.54
63.1	30.3	Income	61.4	65.3e	6.33
25.5	14.9	Recovery	23.2	25.0	5.46
93.7	44.7	Trustee	88.9	94.6e	5.35
51.4	34.8	Worldwide	48.1	51.4e	2.85
155.0	97.0	B'ist Inv Fnd	150.5	155.5	5.01
161.3	97.5	Do Accum	156.7	161.5	5.01
		Brandts Ltd.			
		36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
113.0	85.0	Brandts Cap (4)	95.0	102.0	3.20
123.0	92.0	Do Accum (4)	105.0	112.5	2.20
117.5	75.0	Brandts Inc (4)	116.5	123.5e	7.02
		Bridge Talisman Fund Manager Ltd.			
		5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
27.0	17.0	B.T. Income (2)	29.0	29.0	7.52
29.0	14.0	Do Cap Inc (2)	26.9	28.7	7.52
26.4	15.0	Do Cap Acc (2)	26.4	28.1	7.16
24.0	15.0	Do Exempt (2)	24.0	25.0e	4.98
15.7	9.3	Do Int Inc (3)	13.5	14.4	4.46
14.0	9.3	Do Int Acc	13.5	14.4	4.46
		The British Life.			
		Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
45.3	22.2	British Life	43.0	45.5	5.18
36.9	17.5	Balanced (2)	36.7	38.8	5.26
35.1	18.1	Cap Accum (2)	32.5	34.1	3.83
35.2	19.9	Dividend (2)	35.2	37.3	6.67
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers.			
		Founder's Court, Lothbury, EC2. 01-600 8520			
100.6	100.0	Brn Ship EX (1)	100.6	105.9	4.90
163.7	103.1	Do Income (1)	156.1	166.0	5.90
194.3	116.9	Do Accum (1)	184.8	194.0	5.90
		Canada Life Unit Trust Managers.			
		2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
31.7	18.2	Canlife Gen	30.5	32.1e	4.15
36.2	23.4	Do Accum	35.4	37.5	4.15
30.4	27.7	Income Dist	28.6	30.1	7.52
33.6	39.2	Do Accum	32.7	34.4	7.52
		Capel (James) Management Ltd.			
		100 Old Broad St, EC2N 1BQ. 01-588 6010			
64.4	45.5	Capital Fnd (22)	62.7	66.0e	3.61
60.2	48.5	Income Fnd (22)	57.4	60.5e	7.17
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd.			
		Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21165			
61.7	35.3	Carliol (3)	60.0	62.5	3.72
68.9	38.3	Do Accum	67.5	70.0	3.72
33.5	24.9	Do High Yld	33.5	35.5	7.92
35.1	24.9	Do Accum	35.2	37.1	7.92
		Charities Charities Narrower-Range Fund.			
		15 Moorgate, London, EC2. 01-638 4121			
109.0	100.0	Income* (27)	..	109.0	11.30
109.0	100.0	Do Accum (27)	..	109.0	11.30
		Charities Official Investment.			
		77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815			
118.4	59.3	Inc* (24)	..	118.4	6.18
179.4	79.6	Accum* (24)	..	179.4	6.18
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd.			
		1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4. 01-248 3999			
22.6	13.4	Int (3)	22.0	23.6	2.34
25.0	14.4	Accum (3)	24.6	26.2	2.34
33.4	20.4	Inc (3)	32.6	34.8	8.70
38.4	19.5	Euro Fin (3)	28.1	29.8	2.73
30.8	13.0	Fund Inv (3)	28.3	30.3	2.75
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 031-226 4931			
23.9	13.5	Growth Fnd	21.3	22.8	4.23
44.2	26.0	International	41.7	44.7	4.53
35.2	16.1	Reserves Fnd	31.7	34.2e	4.10
40.2	13.0	High Dist	39.9	42.8	8.61
		Equitas Securities Ltd.			
		41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-588 2851			
55.5	26.0	Progressive	52.2	55.1	4.47
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 32915			
53.3	23.3	Equity & Law	51.6	54.3	3.81
		Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd.			
		Framlington Hse, 5-7 Ireland Yd, EC4. 01-248 6971			
62.0	26.8	Capital	60.0	63.8e	4.32
62.0	24.0	Income	61.6	65.4	6.77
		Friend's Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3. 01-626 4511			
32.5	13.0	Friends Prov	31.7	33.8	4.33
38.3	14.8	Do Accum	37.4	39.9	4.33
		Funds in Court.			
		Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2 01-405 4300			
86.0	46.0	Capital*	84.0	89.0	4.47
67.0	40.0	Gross Income*	65.0	69.0	7.10
76.0	43.0	High Yield*	73.0	78.0e	8.10
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
26.4	13.6	G & A	25.6	27.3	4.79
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd.			
		16 St Martin's-le-Grand, EC1. 01-600 9461 Ext 13			
64.4	36.1	GT Cap	59.1	62.5	3.70
73.7	38.8	Do Accum	68.3	72.9	3.70
117.4	[illegible]	Do Income	106.5	113.3e	8.70
149.6	119.7	Do US Gen Fnd	131.7	140.1	1.30
180.6	116.4	Do Japan Gen	177.0	188.4	0.70
118.4	95.9	Do Pension Ex	108.2	113.5e	5.20
		Gartmore Fund Managers.			
		2 St Mary Axe, EC3A 8BP. 01-283 3531			
26.1	25.0	American Tst‡	24.3	26.1	1.91
38.2	22.7	Gartmore Brit	37.1	39.9	3.54
130.0	100.0	Capital	120.0	128.1	3.32
100.0	80.5	Exempt	86.2	92.7	5.05
40.0	22.1	High Income	39.7	42.7e	10.12
52.8	46.2	Income	51.3	55.2e	[illegible]
13.50	12.50	Ins Agencies £	12.51	13.45	3.19
29.3	19.8	International‡	27.3	29.3	1.68
		Grieveson Management Co Ltd.			
		59 Gresham St, EC2P 2DS. 01-606 4433			
171.7	116.2	Barrington Fnd	169.0	177.0	4.46
179.7	118.2	Do Accum	177.9	181.1	4.46
138.9	109.5	High Yield	138.6	145.2	8.60
138.9	109.5	Do Accum	138.6	145.2	8.60
157.1	97.4	Endeavour	152.8	160.1	3.04
98.7	55.5	Grantchester (5)	90.1	94.4	2.70
82.0	65.3	Ldn & Brussels	74.9	78.5	4.41
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-681 1031			
74.0	31.9	Guardhill	69.5	72.3e	4.35
		Henderson Administration.			
		5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
		11 Austin Friars, London, EC2N 2ED			
40.6	32.5	Aust Trst	37.5	40.1	3.30
49.5	28.3	Cabot	69.1	73.5	3.90
28.2	20.7	Cap Accum	27.6	29.4	4.61
39.5	28.F	European	36.1	38.4	3.93
47.7	25.5	Far East Trst	46.1	49.3e	2.11
33.2	21.4	Financial ITU	21.2	22.6	3.83
105.7	80.5	Henderson Gen	100.7	115.2	5.71
42.2	24.5	High Income	41.5	44.4	9.31
24.5	14.6	Inc & Assets	23.1	24.6e	5.86
23.9	17.3	International	23.1	24.6	3.01
43.3	32.2	Nth American	38.0	40.8	2.88
25.5	19.6	Oil & Nat Res	21.9	23.3e	4.96
69.6	44.3	World Wide	69.6	74.4	5.38
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		45 Beech St, EC2 P2DX. 01-628 8011			
67.2	40.8	Dollar	63.2	67.7	2.82
21.5	14.3	International	31.0	33.2e	2.91
133.5	54.4	British Tst	128.6	137.6	4.31
133.5	54.4	Do Guernsey	128.6	137.6	4.31
25.3	9.9	Capital	24.3	26.0e	4.95
87.4	38.9	Financial Tst	79.3	84.9	4.15
28.1	8.5	Income Tst	23.3	25.0	5.91
23.8	10.4	High Yield	23.3	25.0e	7.37
45.5	19.1	Security Tst	43.6	46.7e	5.07
		Key Fund Managers.			
		25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070			
54.7	31.7	Cap Fund	51.2	54.5	4.50
54.2	30.6	Energy Ind Fnd	53.1	56.5	4.06
83.3	48.1	Exempt Fnd (36)	82.3	87.6	7.10
59.2	32.7	Inc Fnd	57.6	61.4	7.43
65.0	41.5	KPIP	59.5	63.0	4.74
		Lawson Securities.			
		63 George Street, Edinburgh. 031-226 3911			
27.2	20.4	American Fnd	21.2	22.3	2.30
26.8	20.5	Do Accum	23.4	25.5	2.30
37.6	21.6	Gilt&Warrant	29.6	32.0	2.73
42.2	27.3	High Yield Fnd	42.2	43.4e	11.60
48.1	28.0	Do Accum	46.7	50.4e	11.60
77.1	47.5	Scottish Inc	70.2	75.8	3.77
79.3	47.5	Do Accum	72.0	77.5	3.72
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
47.0	25.8	Distribution (40)	46.6	49.2	4.58
53.6	28.3	Do Accum (40)	53.3	56.2	4.58
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers.			
		71 Lombard St, London, EC3 01-623 1288			
42.2	18.9	1st Balanced	41.0	44.0	4.41
53.3	22.0	Do Accum	51.7	55.5	4.41
44.9	21.3	2nd Capital	42.7	45.9	3.61
52.9	24.5	Do Accum	50.4	54.1	3.61
69.4	32.6	3rd Income	67.3	72.3	6.19
84.7	38.0	Do Accum	82.0	88.1	6.18
50.0	50.0	4th Extra Inc	46.8	50.3	8.57
50.0	50.9	Do Accum	46.8	50.3	8.57
		M & G Securities.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
138.4	76.7	M & G General	133.4	141.4e	5.51
194.6	103.9	Do Accum	187.6	198.9	5.51
125.8	74.1	2nd Gen	121.7	129.0	5.31
174.8	95.5	Do Accum	168.6	178.7	5.31
111.6	[illegible]	Mid & Gen	110.8	117.5	6.70
162.6	[illegible]	Do Accum	161.3	171.2	6.70
90.9	38.8	Div Fnd	86.9	95.4	7.65
150.4	[illegible]	Do Accum	148.8	157.7	7.65
91.7	59.2	Special Tst	87.9	94.1e	4.70
106.8	66.2	Do Accum	103.8	111.3	4.70
191.0	138.4	Magnum Fnd	178.8	181.4e	4.98
219.4	145.5	Do Accum	203.3	213.5	4.98
52.9	27.1	FITS	48.1	51.5	3.91
55.6	[illegible]	Do Accum	54.2	58.0	3.91
77.0	46.9	Compound	73.4	77.6	5.72
150.5	77.0	Recovery	148.3	157.2	6.68
64.3	24.3	Extra Yield	63.5	67.7	8.61
74.2	26.2	Do Accum	73.5	77.9	8.61
114.8	70.4	Japan	107.1	114.1	1.00
51.0	36.4	Euro & Gen	49.7	52.9	3.56
40.5	20.2	American & Gen	38.0	40.5	2.16
52.1	34.1	Australasian	47.7	50.7	2.34
43.9	21.2	Far East Inc	39.6	42.4e	3.11
45.1	21.5	Do Accum	41.1	43.8	3.11
112.4	53.3	Trustee Fnd	109.6	115.9	8.44
150.1	56.5	Do Accum	136.0	156.2	8.44
125.1	58.9	Charifund* (2)	123.0	124.9e	7.05
17.0	58.9	Do Accum (2)	..	36.9	11.85
102.5	52.6	Pension* (1)	101.8	107.4	5.52
32.0	19.3	NAACIP	..	31.2e	11.85
91.3	47.0	Do Accum	..	88.6	11.85
47.8	31.7	M&GConv	45.2	47.9	2.09
37.5	32.4	Clyde Gen	35.9	38.3	5.98
73.0	39.1	Do Accum	71.1	75.4	5.99
71.5	33.0	Clyde High Inc	71.3	75.6	8.91
101.7	43.7	Do Accum	101.3	107.4	8.91
		Midland Bank Group Unit Trust Manager Ltd.			
		Courtwood Hse, Sheffield, S13 RD. 0742 79842			
25.5	13.4	Capital	23.0	24.4	3.00
26.2	[illegible]	Do Accum	23.5	25.0	3.00
61.5	43.1	Commodity	42.3	45.5	7.34
48.2	45.9	Do Accum	43.3	46.6	7.34
36.4	13.4	Growth	32.4	34.5	2.57
37.1	20.9	Do Accum	33.1	35.2	2.57
38.3	27.4	Income	36.7	39.0e	6.60
39.9	33.4	Do Accum	37.4	40.1	6.60
49.9	31.4	International	42.9	45.7	2.10
49.6	41.9	Do Accum	43.9	46.7	2.10
		National Provident Inv Managers Ltd.			
		48 Gracechurch Street, EC3. 01-623 4200			
45.0	30.7	NPI Accum (15)	42.3	45.1	3.41
39.2	19.1	Do Dist (15)	37.6	40.1	3.41
129.6	106.8	Do O'seas Acc	129.5	137.1	3.71
129.6	106.5	Do O'seas Dis	126.1	133.5e	3.71
		National Westminster Unit Trust Managers.			
		41 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP. 01-637 8044			
59.1	31.5	Capital	54.8	58.5	3.84
35.2	14.5	Income	31.4	33.5	5.66
35.2	20.9	Financial	32.3	34.5	3.95
51.4	45.9	Growth	51.4	56.9	4.13
60.6	47.8	Extra Income	59.6	63.6	6.83
		New Court Fund Managers Ltd.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
139.0	113.0	Equity	128.0	136.0	3.32
130.5	77.4	Income Fund	119.5	127.1e	6.50
92.5	80.9	International	83.6	88.9	2.71
107.0	76.9	Smaller Co's	103.7	110.3	4.91
		Norwich Union Insurance Group.			
		PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
254.3	95.4	Grp Tst Fnd (3)	240.7	253.4e	5.18
		Oceanic Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		25 Great St Thomas Apostle EC4. 01-236 9201			
28.8	24.9	Financial	26.2	29.0e	3.17
18.9	12.8	General	17.6	18.7	5.14
34.3	20.8	Growth Accum	31.9	33.8	5.15
28.7	18.9	Do Income	27.6	29.5	5.15
32.7	14.6	High Income	22.6	24.3e	9.03
26.7	11.0	Investment	16.5	17.5	3.60
26.0	20.0	Overseas	22.5	24.0e	3.04
44.9	27.9	Performance	43.2	45.8	4.75
27.6	13.3	Oceanic Index	20.7	21.8e	3.76
[illegible]	12.8	Recovery	18.2	19.3	4.66
		Pearl Trust Managers Ltd.			
		252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441			
20.7	10.5	Growth	19.9	21.5	4.45
39.0	31.1	Do Accum	35.0	37.7	4.45
28.4	13.3	Income	25.8	27.5	6.29
30.9	15.7	Trust	26.3	27.8	6.23
36.5	18.1	Do Accum	31.6	33.1	4.45
		Pelican Unit Administration.			
		81 Fountain Street, Manchester. 061-236 5685			
61.0	30.2	Pelican	58.0	60.5	5.10
		Perpetual Unit Trust Management.			
		45 Hart St, Henley on Thames. 04912 6868			
113.1	46.5	Perpetual Grth	109.7	116.9	3.90
		Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		65 London Wall, EC2. 01-638 0801			
29.4	24.7	Inc & Growth	29.0	30.9e	4.50
30.4	20.5	Extra Inc	29.0	30.7e	10.60
41.4	29.0	Portfolio Cap	37.7	41.0	3.13
52.1	29.2	Grwth With Inc	49.3	53.7	7.50
22.9	16.4	Private Port	26.0	28.2e	4.13
63.2	31.9	Shepley Port	60.7	66.0	4.16
		Practical Investment Co Ltd.			
		Europa Hse, World Tr Centre, E1. 01-623 8893			
[illegible]	68.1	Practical Inc	117.6	126.6	3.79
169.0	78.6	Do Accum (3)	154.4	166.2	3.79
		Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd.			
		222 Bishopsgate, EC2. 01-247 6533			
68.2	29.4	Prolific	64.6	69.2	3.99
80.9	40.1	Do High Inc	77.4	82.0	7.82
		Prudential Unit Trust Managers.			
		Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
101.5	46.5	Prudential	99.0	104.0	4.14
		Reliance Unit Managers Ltd.			
		Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
45.0	23.5	Opp Accum (2)	42.5	45.0	5.29
		Save & Prosper Group.			
		4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-595 1717			
		Dealings to 01-554 8899			
		Erskine Hse, 68-73 Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX. 031-226 7351.			
		Ebor Securities.			
61.6	37.3	Universal Growth	59.0	62.1	3.18
53.9	[illegible]	Capital Accum	51.4	55.0	4.38
46.0	22.0	General	44.0	47.1	4.97
60.2	42.8	Commodity	57.2	61.3e	5.39
58.9	36.0	Energy	51.6	55.2e	2.01
35.1	20.4	Financial	31.4	33.6	4.13
22.2	21.7	Prop & Build	20.9	22.2e	4.32
105.3	44.1	Select Grwth (9)	97.5	102.5	2.96
94.8	37.4	Select Inc (9)	90.2	94.6	6.74
131.5	135.8	Comm Pen (3)	166.4	172.0e	6.20
		Save & Prosper Securities Ltd.			
30.4	17.6	Capital	29.3	30.3e	2.61
62.0	38.9	Financial Secs	57.0	61.0	5.15
22.7	11.5	Investment	20.2	21.7	4.14
52.6	58.5	Euro Growth‡	53.3	55.9e	2.57
73.9	47.4	Japan Growth‡	68.5	73.0	..
78.4	48.8	US Growth‡	67.5	72.2	1.14
37.4	19.2	General	35.5	38.0e	4.89
48.9	32.7	High Yield	46.2	49.4	6.23
38.9	19.2	Income	36.9	39.5e	7.68
50.5	21.9	High Return	49.0	52.5	8.17
		Scotbits Securities Ltd.			
37.3	22.1	Scotbits	34.6	37.0	3.97
45.1	25.1	Scotyields	42.1	45.1e	6.70
43.1	24.6	Scotgrowth	41.7	46.8	3.98
42.2	22.7	Scotshares	40.1	42.9	4.80
146.1	134.5	Scotfunds	135.4	142.3	3.74
47.1	29.4	Scotincome	45.4	47.9	6.73
		Henry Schroder Wagg & Co Ltd.			
		120 Cheapside, London, EC3. 01-248 8282			
80.8	40.1	Capital (16)	77.1	79.6	3.21
92.4	44.8	Do Accum	89.2	91.3	3.21
138.6	85.2	Income (16)	133.2	138.0e	6.74
179.2	89.3	Do Accum	174.9	181.2	6.74
59.0	24.0	General (3)	57.5	59.5e	3.96
68.8	25.2	Do Accum	67.1	69.8	3.96
35.7	27.0	Europe (18)	33.3	35.4	2.38
37.2	28.0	Do Accum	34.9	37.1	2.38
		Scottish Equitable Fund Managers Ltd.			
		29 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9101			
44.7	22.4	Equitable (2)	43.2	46.0	5.20
45.1	23.4	Do Accum	44.6	47.4	5.20
		Slater Walker Unit Trust Management Ltd.			
		3 Ldn Wall Bldgs, EC2M 5QL. 01-638 0478/9			
60.3	30.3	Assets	58.2	62.6	5.49
66.5	44.2	Bank Ins & Fin	54.2	58.3	3.86
26.9	15.7	Brit High Inc	24.1	25.9	10.95
41.5	23.3	Capital Accum	38.2	43.0	3.68
32.0	21.3	Capital Grwth	28.1	30.8	4.65
41.3	23.8	Century	38.3	41.2	4.47
39.0	25.4	City of London	33.6	36.1e	3.70
36.4	26.6	Cumm Cons	34.3	36.9	3.92
53.1	40.1	Commodity	50.3	54.1	5.45
43.4	25.2	Consolidated	38.9	41.9	4.17
32.4	22.9	Domestic	31.3	33.5	4.81
77.6	65.4	Exempt	73.0	78.6	8.63
29.0	19.2	Extra Income	27.9	30.0e	9.82
21.6	18.8	Far East Fnd	19.5	21.0e	3.73
[illegible]	29.9	Financial	31.8	34.2	3.45
50.4	34.9	Gas Ind Power	46.7	50.3	5.17
35.1	18.5	General Fund	27.3	29.3	4.95
55.8	38.6	Global Growth	51.8	55.7	2.47
150.3	87.2	Gold & General	85.7	92.1	4.26
65.7	36.1	Growth	63.3	68.1	4.41
60.4	24.7	High Income	56.8	61.1e	7.65
47.8	29.0	Hundred Secs	46.1	49.6	4.53
46.4	27.6	Income Units	45.1	48.5	7.65
24.1	18.6	Int Consumer	23.4	25.2	3.45
35.1	21.7	Int Tst Shares	34.6	37.3	4.05
[illegible]	15.3	Invest Tst Units	22.2	23.9	3.95
32.4	18.5	Investors Gen	28.8	31.0	5.24
51.9	32.6	Do 2nd Gen	47.2	50.8	4.50
108.1	52.3	Minerals Tst	49.6	53.3	5.71
65.7	41.4	Nat High Inc	63.1	67.9	7.53
51.4	49.5	Natural Res	47.3	50.9e	5.44
[illegible]	20.2	New Issue	26.5	28.5	5.67
30.5	24.4	North American	29.0	31.2	2.02
40.3	28.4	Plant & Gen	38.9	39.6	5.77
434.5	259.1	Professional	393.4	401.5e	3.84
14.0	9.2	Property Shares	10.3	11.1e	2.21
207.3	74.8	Provident Inv	100.1	105.4e	4.21
54.0	29.1	Scot Trust	50.3	54.1	5.45
63.7	36.6	Security First	58.7	63.2	4.79
50.5	36.3	Shamrock	45.6	49.1	4.94
43.1	30.1	Shield	40.5	43.6e	4.77
22.1	12.8	Status Change	19.8	21.3e	8.10
151.6	82.5	Unit 'D'	143.0	153.8	6.35
97.9	54.9	Universal 2nd	80.5	96.3e	4.47
		Stewart Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		45 Charlotte St, Edinburgh. 031-226 3271			
51.0	27.1	American Fnd	47.0	50.9	2.07
105.0	52.7	Brit Cap Fnd	99.7	104.7	5.35
		Sun Alliance Management Ltd.			
		Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 64141			
140.3	106.0	Exempt Eq Tst	140.3	147.5	4.64
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
72.8	47.5	Family Fund	70.4	74.9e	3.37
		Target Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
26.8	15.1	Commodity	25.2	27.0	4.71
56.3	31.4	Financial	52.4	56.3	4.02
36.3	18.5	Equity	34.0	36.4	5.74
159.6	81.1	Exempt	156.0	161.7	5.47
192.3	94.4	Do Accum (3)	189.0	198.9	5.47
26.1	13.5	Growth	24.5	26.2e	4.16
29.8	19.0	International	27.7	29.6	2.67
29.8	19.4	Do Re-invest	28.6	30.6	2.61
29.9	12.3	Investment	23.0	26.2	2.66
130.1	[illegible]	Professional (3)	126.3	132.3e	4.96
22.1	11.0	Income	21.9	23.6	10.13
13.3	9.8	Preference	13.2	14.2	12.07
		Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd.			
		19 Athol Crescent, Edinburgh, 3. 031-229 8621			
25.5	14.6	Eagle	23.4	25.0	3.52
33.6	26.8	Thistle	31.5	34.0	5.90
47.6	27.9	Claymore Fnd	44.3	47.1	3.75
		TSB Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		21 Chantry Way, Andover, Hants. Andover 62188			
35.1	15.6	General	33.4	35.8	3.87
43.1	17.0	Do Accum	40.7	43.0	3.87
65.1	45.5	Scottish	61.8	64.0	3.09
66.1	45.9	Do Accum	61.8	64.9	3.09
		Transatlantic & General Securities.			
		99 New London Rd, Chelmsford. 0245 51651			
61.8	55.9	Barbican (4)	64.8	68.2	4.72
93.2	41.9	Do Accum	80.1	86.3	4.72
76.2	44.7	Buckingham (4)	73.6	77.4	5.22
99.4	59.9	Do Accum	83.8	88.7	5.22
113.7	49.4	Colemco	108.0	111.6	4.33
125.0	52.4	Do Accum	116.4	122.6	4.33
45.0	23.5	Glen Fund (2)	42.4	45.1	4.12
51.2	32.2	Do Accum	49.7	52.6	4.12
57.9	33.9	Marlborough	49.4	51.9e	4.39
57.8	35.4	Do Accum	53.4	56.2	4.39
63.5	37.4	Merlin (1)	61.6	66.3	3.98
73.1	40.3	Do Accum	70.6	76.3	3.92
44.6	23.5	Merlin Yield	43.9	46.3	8.15
53.2	26.4	Do Accum	52.5	56.3	8.15
45.2	20.0	Vang Growth (2)	37.5	39.0e	3.69
46.1	22.5	Do Accum	43.5	45.8	3.69
59.2	49.8	Vang High Yield	58.8	61.0e	8.53
51.9	31.0	Wickmoor	49.7	53.1e	5.10
57.5	32.4	Do Accum	55.1	59.8	5.10
		See also Grieveson Management Co Ltd			
		Trident Funds.			
		(Schlesinger Trust Managers Ltd)			
		140 South St, Dorking. 0306 86441			
17.9	10.7	UK Growth Fnd	16.8	18.1	4.81
35.6	21.9	Income Fund	33.0	35.5	9.69
28.0	18.4	10% Withdrwl	26.6	28.4	..
31.4	33.7	Int Growth	31.4	33.9e	3.59
31.1	21.8	Amer Growth	29.3	31.5	..
27.0	25.0	"Nil Yield Fnd"	26.5	28.5	..
25.0	24.8	Market Leaders	23.4	25.1	..
23.6	24.4	Schl Am Ex Fnd	23.3	24.5	..
		Tyndall Managers Ltd.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
92.2	43.2	Income (3)	89.6	94.2	6.24
146.4	65.5	Do Accum (3)	142.8	149.8	6.24
100.5	52.8	Capital (3)	96.8	101.8	4.20
130.8	66.4	Do Accum (3)	126.4	132.8	4.20
83.8	34.6	Canynge Fnd (3)	75.0	78.6	4.72
89.0	38.4	Do Accum (3)	84.0	90.4	4.72
86.8	43.0	Exempt* (40)	85.8	90.2	4.94
107.8	51.5	Do Accum (40)	106.6	112.0	4.94
208.2	100.2	Int Earn Fnd (3)	201.0	211.2	4.66
214.6	100.2	Do Accum (3)	208.0	218.4	4.66
		Tyndall National & Commercial.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
130.2	64.4	Income	124.2	128.8	5.58
162.0	80.0	Do Accum	155.2	161.0	5.58
107.6	52.2	Capital	105.4	108.2	3.62
123.0	58.6	Do Accum	121.2	125.6	3.62
		Unit Trust Account & Management.			
		5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3M. 01-623 4951			
118.0	62.0	Friars Hse Fnd	116.0	123.0	4.86
28.1	11.8	Gt Winchester	19.1	19.6e	6.32
23.1	8.7	Do Overseas	17.4	18.9e	3.29

Insurance Bonds and Funds

1975-76 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		1-3 St Pauls Churchyard, EC4P 4DX 01-248 9111			
31.1	15.6	Equity Fund (3)	29.5	31.1	..
24.8	12.2	Do Accum (3)	23.6	24.9	..
117.4	94.4	Prop Fund (27)	117.4	123.6	..
114.7	89.2	Do Accum (27)	114.7	120.8	..
69.1	41.0	Select Fund (3)	67.1	70.1	..
111.7	104.0	Conv Fund	111.7	117.6	..
105.7	101.4	Money Fund	105.7	111.3	..
124.0	94.2	Pension Prop (27)	124.0	130.6	..
63.0	37.3	Do Select (3)	61.3	64.6	..
108.3	101.9	Do Security	108.3	114.1	..
128.0	102.0	Do Managed	126.6	133.3	..
26.0	25.0	Equity Series 4	24.8	26.2	..
97.1	100.0	Prop Series 4	97.1	102.2	..
95.9	100.0	Conv Series 4	95.9	101.0	..
96.0	100.0	Money Series 4	96.0	101.1	..
99.9	100.0	Man Series 4	99.4	104.7	..
		Albany Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		31 Old Burlington Street, W1. 01-437 5962			
97.4	100.0	Guar Mon Fnd	97.4	102.5	..
100.4	100.0	Do Accum	100.4	105.7	..
134.7	100.0	Equity Fnd	130.7	137.6	..
139.2	100.0	Do Accum	135.3	142.4	..
107.5	98.6	Property Fnd	101.2	106.5	..
107.6	100.0	Do Accum	104.4	109.9	..
103.6	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	102.3	107.7	..
106.3	100.0	Do Accum	105.4	110.9	..
124.4	100.0	Mult Inv Fnd	121.4	127.8	..
127.8	100.0	Do Accum	124.8	131.4	..
100.6	100.0	Guar Mon Pen	100.6	105.9	..
104.1	100.0	Do Accum	104.1	109.6	..
110.8	100.0	Property Pen	105.2	110.7	..
114.4	100.0	Do Accum	108.9	114.6	..
110.3	100.0	Fixed Int Pen	108.7	114.4	..
113.8	100.0	Do Accum	112.4	118.3	..
132.5	100.0	Mult Inv Pen	129.9	136.7	..
136.6	100.0	Do Accum	133.0	140.2	..
		AMEV Life Assurance Ltd.			
		Alma Hse, Alma Rd, Reigate. Reigate 40101			
121.3	100.1	Triad Man Bond	120.5	127.2	..
105.9	100.0	Do 'B'	105.3	111.1	..
		Barclays Life Assurance Co.			
		Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7. 01-534 5544			
97.8	86.5	Barclaybonds	95.5	100.7	..
		Beehive Life Assurance.			
		71 Lombard St, London, EC3 P3BS 01-623 1288			
106.6	100.0	Black Horse Bnd	..	106.6	..
		Canada Life Assurance			
		2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
46.6	24.9	Equity Growth	..	46.6	..
104.3	53.5	Retirement	..	99.8	..
		Cannon Assurance Ltd.			
		1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
13.39	7.38	Equity Units £	..	13.20	..
126.0	67.0	Do Accum	..	123.0	..
84.0	49.0	Do Annuity	..	81.0	..
969.0	719.0	Prop Units	..	[illegible]	..
994.0	799.0	Do Accum	..	994.0	..
10.45	7.94	Exec Bal £	..	10.39	..
9.06	5.10	Exec Equity £	..	8.95	..
10.29	9.51	Exec Prop £	..	10.29	..
10.45	5.40	Bal Bond £	10.39	10.99	..
9.96	5.40	Equity Bond £	8.95	9.37	..
10.29	9.76	Prop Bond £	10.29	10.80	..
10.45	7.94	Bal Units £	..	10.39	..
99.2	100.0	Deposit Bnd	98.2	103.9	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Society.			
		6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9664			
		Valuation last working day of month.			
51.5	64.8	1st Units	51.8	55.8	..
48.0	45.8	Prop Units	48.0	50.4	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Co.			
		6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA 01-684 9664			
		Valuation last working day of month.			
45.0	41.5	W'minster Units	45.0	47.2	..
39.4	46.1	Land Bank	..	46.2	..
34.2	33.1	Speculator	..	34.2	..
136.1	134.6	Prop Annuity	135.4	138.1	..
108.0	106.1	Inv Option Bnd	108.0	113.6	..
40.0	33.1	Equity Fnd	40.0	42.1	..
		2nd Managed Fund.			
132.6	110.6	Performance	..	132.6	..
125.5	118.0	Balanced	128.5	135.2	..
100.0	100.0	Guarantee	..	100.0	..
		Commercial Union Group.			
		St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 01-283 7500			
39.1	18.6	Variable An Acc	..	37.4	..
18.6	10.2	Do Annuity	..	11.7	..
		Cornhill Insurance.			
		32 Cornhill, London, EC3. 01-626 5410			
		Valuation 15th of month.			
106.0	63.5	Capital Fnd	..	103.0	..
42.5	25.0	GS Special	..	41.5	..
132.0	85.0	Man Grwth (23)	127.0	134.0	..
		Crown Life Fund Insurance Co.			
		Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4300			
123.6	92.3	Crown Brit Inv	..	123.6	..
		Crusader Insurance.			
		Bowring Bldgs, Tower Place, EC3. 01-626 8031			
		Valuation 1st Tuesday of month.			
58.5	50.8	Crusader Prop	58.5	65.1	..
		Eagle Star Insurance/Midland Assurance.			
		PO Box 1-3, NLA Tower, Croydon. 01-681 1031			
42.1	28.4	Eagle Units	41.1	42.6	6.36
42.1	24.2	Midland Units	41.1	42.6	6.36
		Grosvenor Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		65 Grosvenor St, London W1. 01-493 1484			
26.8	27.2	Managed Fnd	26.1	27.5	..
		Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 7107			
137.3	131.9	Property Bond	137.3	143.0	..
115.5	59.9	Pen Man Bonds	114.8	120.8	..
		Hambro Life Assurance.			
		7 Old Park Lane, London, W1. 01-499 0031			
112.4	101.6	Fixed Int Fnd	111.0	116.9	..
135.3	75.2	Equity	130.8	136.9	..
135.2	106.3	Property	125.2	131.8	..
114.0	73.1	Managed Cap	110.2	116.1	..
131.7	90.9	Do Accum	128.3	135.1	..
148.7	136.0	Pen Prop Cap	148.7	156.6	..
176.7	155.6	Do Accum	178.7	188.1	..
156.9	122.8	Pen Man Cap	155.9	164.2	..
185.9	140.1	Do Accum	185.3	195.1	..
113.5	109.3	Pen FI Cap	112.6	118.6	..
121.1	108.5	Do Accum	121.1	127.6	..
		Hearts of Oak Benefit Society.			
		Euston Rd, London, NW1. 01-387 5020			
32.4	29.6	Property Bond	32.4	34.2	..
		Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd.			
		NLA Twr, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4355			
127.5	121.8	HS Prop Units	127.5	133.9	..
135.7	77.3	Fortune Man (5)	132.8	139.8	..
106.4	104.4	Money Fnd	106.4	112.1	..
		Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		114/116 St Mary St, Cardiff. 42577			
53.9	27.3	Hodge Bonds	52.8	55.6	..
61.1	40.4	Takeover	61.1	64.3	..
23.7	25.0	Hodge Life Eq	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Mortgage Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Conv High Yld	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Overseas Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
		Imperial Life Assurance Co of Canada.			
		Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford. 71255			
51.9	39.8	Growth Fnd (5)	51.4	55.6	..
46.9	30.8	Pension Fnd	46.1	50.7	..
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd.			
		Enterprise Hse, Portsmouth. 0705 27733			
107.1	73.3	Equities	99.9	105.2	..
124.1	111.3	Fixed Int	122.3	128.8	..
120.0	100.0	Managed	115.6	121.7	..
108.8	107.0	Property	108.4	114.2	..
104.3	102.4	Money Fund	104.3	109.8	..
121.2	99.7	King & Shaxson	120.2	122.7	..
102.4	93.7	Do Gov Sec Bd	101.5	106.9	..
104.6	78.3	Commodity	74.8	78.8	..
115.5	92.0	Growth	104.8	110.4	..
115.9	95.4	Capital	105.8	111.3	..
111.0	97.1	Income	106.2	111.9	..
130.7	100.0	International	119.3	125.6	..
		Investment Annuity Life Assurance			
		Swan Court, Petersfield, Hants Petersfield 3281			
115.1	66.3	Lion Equity	..	94.1	..
117.0	77.7	Do Accum	..	115.4	..
56.9	48.2	Lion Man Growth	56.8	[illegible]	..
48.4	43.4	Do Cap	48.3	51.0	..
68.2	53.2	Lion Prop Fnd	..	[illegible]	..
66.6	46.1	Lion High Yield	..	66.6	..
136.2	81.8	Do Equity Pen	..	131.1	..
66.0	55.7	Do Prop Pen	..	66.0	..
79.8	52.9	Do H Yld Pen	..	79.8	..
		Irish Life Assurance.			
		11 Finsbury Sq, London, EC2. 01-628 8253			
142.5	136.9	Prop Modules	132.7	139.6	5.60
137.5	137.9	Do Grwth (31)	134.8	141.8	5.60
149.3	103.1	Managed Fnd	145.4	153.1	..
61.4	32.3	Blue Chip Fnd	59.1	62.2	4.00
		Langham Life Assurance.			
		Migdal Hse, Finsbury Sq, EC2. 01-628 5981			
112.8	105.6	Property Bond	112.8	118.8	..
23.0	22.3	Spec Prop Fnd	23.0	24.2	..
48.8	37.7	Midas Bond (34)	42.3	44.5	..
42.3	35.8	Capital Accum	42.3	44.5	..
58.7	53.2	WISP (SpecMan)	59.7	62.8	..
		Life & Equity Assurance Co Ltd.			
		1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
30.5	29.5	Secure Ret	30.5	32.5	..
28.6	25.0	Select Inv	28.0	30.0	..
22.0	18.0	Do 2nd	22.0	23.2	..
23.5	20.5	Gilt Fnd	22.0	23.0	..
21.0	15.5	Equity Fnd	20.0	21.5	..
104.0	101.5	Deposit Fnd	104.0	110.0	..
		Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd.			
		12 Leadenhall St, EC3M 7LS. 01-623 6621			
140.0	100.0	Mult Growth Fnd	..	107.6	..
101.0	69.3	Opt 5 Equity	97.8	100.3	..
109.9	100.0	Do Property	109.9	115.7	..
113.5	94.7	Do High Yield	[illegible]	128.6	..
115.7	99.9	Do Managed	113.5	119.5	..
108.5	100.0	Do Deposit	99.7	105.0	..
115.3	100.0	Pen Dep Fnd	108.8	113.5	..
196.1	143.8	Do Equity Fnd	193.3	203.7	..
134.9	100.0	Do FI Fnd	134.9	142.0	..
141.8	100.0	Do Man Fnd	141.3	149.7	..
111.5	100.0	Do Prop Fnd	111.5	117.4	..
		Manufacturers Life Insurance.			
		Manulife Hse, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 56101			
33.8	17.9	Manulife (5)	32.9	34.6	..
		Merchant Investors Assurance.			
		125 High Street, Croydon. 01-686 9171			
114.4	105.4	Cons Dep Bnd	..	114.4	..
122.7	101.9	Do Pension	..	114.5	..
37.8	35.0	Equity Bond	..	46.2	..
142.3	93.1	Do Pension	..	129.7	..
91.8	79.3	Managed Bond	..	83.2	..
103.8	89.2	Do Pension	..	100.6	..
113.2	101.4	Money Market	..	111.4	..
138.8	101.8	Do Pension	..	133.7	..
113.6	97.6	Property Bond	..	113.8	..
113.1	94.1	Do Pension	..	113.1	..
		M & G Assurance.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
100.2	60.7	Equity Bond (4)	96.9	101.5	..
68.3	42.3	Do Bonus	64.0	67.3	..
83.0	51.3	Int'l Bnd (4)	79.1	83.1	..
121.5	98.3	Fam Bnd 1976	..	121.5	..
103.8	77.6	Do 1977/80	..	102.8	..
131.8	[illegible]	Do 1981/86	..	126.0	..
112.7	67.5	Managed Bonds	109.5	115.1	..
47.8	29.4	Mirror Bonds	..	46.7	..
140.0	84.7	Pers Pen (5)	133.5	139.6	..
114.4	109.4	Prop Fnd (4)	114.4	120.3	..
		Norwich Union Insurance Group.			
		PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
150.8	90.0	Norwich Man (3)	147.9	155.7	..
234.3	99.5	Do Equity (3)	230.4	242.5	..
100.7	100.0	Do Prop (3)	100.7	106.0	..
113.2	99.0	Do Fix Int (3)	109.2	114.9	..
143.3	54.3	Do Units (38)	..	143.8	..
		Pearl Assurance (Unit Funds) Ltd.			
		252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441			
101.8	100.7	Prop Acc Units	101.8	109.2	..
101.8	100.7	Prop Dist Units	101.8	109.2	..
		Phoenix Assurance.			
		4-5 King William St, EC4. 01-626 9876			
91.9	38.9	Wealth Assured	88.4	93.2	..
65.6	35.5	Ebor Phx Ass (31)	..	59.2	..
58.7	39.0	Ebor Phx Eq (32)	58.5	61.4	..
		Property Equity & Life Ass Co.			
		119 Crawford St, London, W1. 01-486 0857			
150.3	142.1	R Silk Prop Bnd	..	150.3	..
102.8	69.6	Do Bal Ac Bnd	..	69.9	..
100.1	95.8	Do Series (2)	..	100.1	..
74.6	58.1	Do Managed	..	59.6	..
95.7	65.2	Do Equity Bnd	..	76.6	..
121.4	102.4	Do Flex Mny	..	120.5	..
		Property Growth Assurance.			
		111 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7JF. 01-928 0381			
158.0	141.5	Prop Grwth (29)	..	158.0	..
556.0	460.0	AG Bond (29)	..	501.0	..
135.5	126.0	Abb Nat PC (29)	..	135.5	..
57.5	48.6	Investment (29)	..	57.5	..
145.0	104.4	Equity Fnd	..	140.6	..
117.6	100.0	Money Fnd	..	117.6	..
146.0	118.0	Ret Annuity (29)	..	146.0	..
117.0	103.5	Immed Ann (33)	..	117.0	..
		Atlantic Assurance.			
110.3	90.0	All-Weather Ac	106.5	112.1	..
108.0	95.5	Do Capital	104.0	109.5	..
121.2	98.5	Investment Fnd	..	119.1	..
104.8	88.0	Pension Fnd	..	204.8	..
111.6	102.4	Conv Pen Fnd	..	111.0	..
111.9	107.7	Do Pen Cap	..	111.9	..
112.0	102.4	Man Pen Fnd	..	112.0	..
112.8	108.1	Do Pen Cap	..	112.8	..
109.9	102.4	Prop Pen Fnd	..	109.9	..
109.5	108.0	Do Pen Cap	..	109.5	..
103.7	100.0	Bldg Soc Pen	..	103.7	..
102.5	100.0	Do Capital	..	102.5	..
		Prudential Pensions Ltd.			
		Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
17.37	8.37	Equity £	16.16	17.09	..
13.40	10.02	Fixed Int £	13.40	13.60	..
18.41	16.46	Property £	15.41	18.98	..
		Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd.			
		Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 0892 22271			
157.7	137.1	Rel Prop Bnd	..	157.7	..
		Save & Prosper Group.			
		4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-534 8899			
104.1	79.3	Balanced Bond	100.2	106.1	..
100.1	65.6	Equity Bnd	94.6	100.2	..
23.9	14.2	Mini Bond (4)	22.4	23.8	..
119.2	100.3	Prop Fnd (30)	119.2	126.2	..
		Schroder Life Group.			
		Enterprise Hse, Portsmouth. 0705 27733			
100.9	100.0	Deposit Bnd (2)	100.9	106.3	..
114.5	102.2	Fixed Int (2)	..	[illegible]	..
108.2	63.6	Flexible Fnd (2)	101.7	107.1	..
166.2	87.1	Equity Fnd (2)	..	166.2	..
170.6	91.1	Do 2nd Ser (2)	164.9	173.1	..
102.2	100.0	Exec Pen Cap (2)	..	102.2	..
103.2	100.0	Do Accum (2)	..	103.2	..
96.3	100.3	Money Fund (2)	95.3	100.5	..
158.1	115.9	Pen Fnd Cap (2)	149.0	157.0	..
172.5	120.2	Do Accum (2)	163.0	171.7	..
113.2	100.0	Property Fnd (2)	113.2	119.2	..
		Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance.			
		9 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031-225 1291			
315.2	109.0	Inv Policy	309.1	315.4	..
		Slater Walker Insurance Co Ltd.			
		30 Uxbridge Rd, W12. 01-749 9111			
84.2	50.0	Sel Market Fnd	79.9	83.6	..
53.0	47.5	Do Capital	49.7	52.6	..
		Standard Life Assurance Co.			
		PO Box 62, 3 George St, Edinburgh. 031-225 7971			
97.8	41.3	Unit Endowm't	..	95.2	..
		Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd.			
		2-4 Cockspur St, SW1. 01-930 5400			
154.8	73.1	Maple Leaf (3)	..	[illegible]	..
146.1	102.5	Personal Pens	..	142.9	..
		Target Life Assurance.			
		Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
100.4	100.2	Deposit Inc	..	95.7	..
107.4	99.3	Fixed Interest	100.4	106.0	..
103.0	94.9	Man Fnd Acc	97.7	105.5	..
92.9	90.6	Do Income	89.5	95.0	..
93.0	86.0	Prop Bnd Inv	..	93.0	..
94.2	93.2	Do Income	94.2	99.9	..
100.0	99.0	Do Accum	..	100.0	..
35.4	30.7	Ret Ann Pen Cap	35.3	37.1	..
61.4	32.9	Do Accum	57.0	61.2	..
98.3	100.0	Ret Plan Acc	99.3	103.5	..
99.4	100.0	Do Do Cap	99.4	103.6	..
		Trident Life.			
		Renslade Hse, Gloucester. 0452 25541			
114.1	71.0	Trident Man	112.3	119.4	..
128.5	[illegible]	Do Guar Man	125.0	131.7	..
113.1	109.8	Do Property	113.8	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Equity	77.0	[illegible]	..
120.8	89.8	Do High Yield	117.8	124.1	..
107.2	104.8	Do Money	107.2	112.4	..
116.1	102.0	DoFiscalFnd	116.0	122.2	..
91.2	26.5	Do Bonds	35.0	37.5	..
96.10	82.50	Gilt Edged (5)	..	96.10	..
108.2	99.1	Int Money Fnd	104.7	110.3	..
		Tyndall Assurance.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
137.8	123.0	Bond Fnd (40)	..	127.9	..
128.4	63.2	Equity Fnd (40)	..	128.4	..
94.8	79.4	Prop Fnd (40)	..	94.4	..
103.6	75.3	3 Way Fnd (40)	..	103.6	..
67.6	46.2	O'seas Inv (40)	..	64.6	..
		Vanbrugh Life Assurance Ltd.			
		41-43 Maddox St, London, W1R 9LA. 01-499 4923			
168.2	75.0	Equity Fnd	162.5	171.1	..
129.1	101.2	Fixed Int Fnd	128.5	135.2	..
116.6	103.8	Property Fnd	112.6	118.6	..
104.3	93.6	Cash Fund	104.3	109.8	..
115.6	72.9	Managed Fnd	112.4	118.4	..
		Welfare Insurance.			
		The Leas, Folkestone, Kent. 0303 57333			
128.2	105.8	Capital Growth	..	125.4	..
91.5	71.1	Flexible Fnd	..	73.6	..
106.2	82.6	Inv Fnd	..	100.0	..
87.9	65.0	Prop Fnd	..	85.0	..
79.6	71.4	Money Maker	..	75.5	..

Offshore and International Funds

1975-76 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abacus Arbuthnot (C I) Ltd.			
		1 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. 0534 25561			
101.0	55.7	Capital Trust	101.0	105.0	1.80
97.0	98.0	Eastern Int	97.0	104.0	..
		Barbican Managers (Jersey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. 0534 37606			
113.3	104.6	Europ'n Ser Tst	108.3	114.6	4.50
		Barclays Unicorn International (Ch Is) Ltd.			
		Church St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37806			
48.1	38.0	Jer Guer O'seas	47.3	49.8e	12.15
10.9	9.9	Unidollar Tst $	10.7	11.3	5.00
		Barclays Unicorn International (I.O.M.) Ltd.			
		30 Victoria St, Douglas, I.O.M. 0624 4856			
55.5	39.2	Unicorn Aus Ext	49.4	52.9e	3.00
28.2	17.6	Do Aus Min	23.8	25.5	2.30
46.6	34.8	Do Int Income	40.1	42.9	8.30
50.6	40.0	Do Isle of Man	48.0	50.5	9.10
25.8	18.7	Do Manx Mut	22.4	23.9e	2.00
149.5	94.7	Do Great Pac	137.5	147.1	..
		Brandts & Grindlay (Jersey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 90, Broad St, St Helier.			
122.0	78.0	Brandt Jersey	120.0	129.0	5.50
153.0	89.0	Do Accum	150.0	159.0	4.39
		Brandts Ltd.			
		36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
70.07	53.23	O'seas Fnd $	..	70.07	..
		Calvin Bullock Ltd.			
		90 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-283 5453			
9.48	6.12	Bullock Fnd $	8.41	9.30e	1.93
552.0	561.0	Canadian Fnd	590.0	650.0e	1.93
320.0	363.0	Canadian Inv	325.0	331.0e	2.21
236.0	159.0	Div Shares	207.0	221.0e	2.08
921.0	510.0	Ny Venture Fnd	716.0	784.0	1.30
		Charterhouse Japhet.			
		1 Paternoster Row, EC4. 01-248 3999			
33.00	25.80	Adiropa DM	33.00	34.60	4.61
54.50	45.80	Adiverba DM	50.10	52.70	6.64
33.90	27.90	Fondak DM	33.40	35.20	6.35
25.50	20.20	Fondis DM	25.00	26.40	6.92
56.31	57.27	Hispano $	54.84	57.87	2.11
		Cornhill Insurance (Guernsey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 157, St Julians Ct, St Peter, Guernsey			
153.0	103.0	Int Cap Man (20)	150.0	153.5	..
		Ebor Management (Jersey).			
		37 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 20591			
206.6	111.5	Channel Cap	200.5	211.0e	1.96
112.2	64.6	Channel Isles	110.5	116.3	3.16
		First General Unit Managers.			
		91 Pembroke Rd, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 680090			
51.5	34.2	Bnk Tst Gen (3)	50.9	54.9	4.27
122.9	100.0	Do Gilt (2)	122.9	127.0	6.25
		Hambros (Guernsey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 86, St Peter Port, Guernsey. 0481 26521			
117.5	82.9	Channel Isle	113.5	121.4	4.50
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd.			
		45 South St, Eastbourne BN 21 4UT. 0323 36711			
111.2	100.0	Foreign Fix Int	109.6	115.6	..
115.9	100.0	Do Equity	113.2	119.3	..
		Kayanday Bermuda Management Ltd.			
		Atlas Hse, PO Box 1029, Hamilton 5, Bermuda			
1.49	1.19	Bishopsgate N..	1.49	1.57	..
		Lament Investment Management Ltd.			
		14 St Georges St, Douglas, I.O.M. Douglas 4682			
23.3	11.4	Int Income (3)	22.1	23.5	8.50
52.9	27.9	Do Growth (3)	61.9	65.9	3.16
		M & G Group.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
95.4	55.9	Island Fnd	91.2	97.3	7.58
124.3	[illegible]	Do Accum	118.7	126.4	3.35
1.90	1.37	Atlantic Exp $	1.90	2.05	..
1.72	1.21	Aust & Gen $	1.63	1.74	..
		Old Court Commodity Fund Managers Ltd.			
		PO Box 58, St Julian's Ct, Guernsey. 0481 26741			
100.0	100.0	Old Ct Comm	96.0	101.7	..
		Old Court Fund Managers Ltd.			
		PO Box 58, St Julians Ct, Guernsey 0481 26331			
45.2	33.3	Old Ct Eqty (34)	42.1	44.6	..
103.9	86.2	Do Inc (35)	102.0	108.1	..
115.9	84.1	Do Small Co's	113.5	120.7	6.63
		Oliver Routh & Co.			
		31 Malew St, Castletown, I.O.M. 0624 822748			
109.5	86.2	Brit Cmz Tst	97.8	103.0e	13.80
104.1	73.3	Cap Sec'd Res	97.8	103.5	..
129.6	120.0	Conv Rights Tst	129.6	136.0e	3.69
		4 Irish Place, Gibraltar Telex GK 245			
129.5	113.1	Gib Int Tst	116.1	124.9	5.60
207.3	[illegible]	Key City Inv	95.3	99.2	..
97.6	24.9	Warrant Fnd	79.3	93.5	..
		Slater Walker Insurance Co (C.I.) Ltd.			
		2 Grange Pl, St Peter Port, Guernsey 0481-26725			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Worldwide	..	64.2	1.00
		Slater Walker (Jersey).			
		2-6 Church St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 77361			
281.0	[illegible]	Growth Inv	263.0	277.5e	1.00
57.1	44.0	Int'l Fnd	57.2	61.5e	1.00
143.3	109.2	Jersey Energy	134.8	134.9e	1.00
		Target Trust Managers (Cayman) Ltd.			
		PO Box 710, Grand Cayman, Cayman Is.			
0.66	0.44	Offshore $	0.55	0.59	..
		Tyndall Group.			
		PO Box 1256, Hamilton, Bermuda.			
1.70	0.95	O'seas D (3) $	1.19	1.26	6.00
1.63	1.18	Do Accum (3) $	1.61	1.70	6.00
2.75	1.38	3 Way Int (3) $	..	2.39	..
		Tyndall Group.			
		4 1 La Motte St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37331			
100.0	78.5	Int Man Fnd (10)	95.9	99.2	..
7.50	5.60	O'seas Ster (2) £	7.45	7.95	6.00
10.50	7.00	Do Accum (2) £	9.86	10.40	6.00

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$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981	104	105
Air France 9¼ 1982	102½	103¼
Airlease 8¾ 1988	90½	91½
ARDB 9¼ 1980	101½	102¼
Ashland 8 1987	94½	95½
Barclays Bank 9¼ 1982	101	103
BFCE 9 1983	102	103
Broken Hill Prop 9½ 1981	103½	104½
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	90	93
Burlington 7¾ 1987	93½	94½
Carrier 8 1987	95	95
CECA 8¾ 1982	101½	102¼
Chevron 7 1980	99½	100½
Conoco 7 1980	98½	99½
Conoco 8 1986	98½	99½
Cons Foods 7¾ 1991	90½	91½
CSR 9½ 1980	102	103
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	94½	95½
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	102½	103½
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	94½	95½
Dana 8 1987	94½	95½
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	88	89
DSM 9¼ 1980	102½	103½
EIB 9 1980	102½	103½
EIB 9¼ 1985	103	104
Escom 9¼ 1989	88½	89½
Escom 10¼ 1985	95½	97
Escom Floating Rate 8¼ 1982	95½	96½
First Chicago 7 1980	96½	97½
GATX 8¼ 1987	95½	96½
Gould 9¾ 1983	101½	102½
Guardian Royal 8 1987	81	82
Gulf and Western 9¼ 1980	102½	103½
ICI 7¾ 1992	87	88
International Util 8¾ 1982	98	99
Motorola 8 1987	96	97
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	88	89
New Zealand 9 1980	103½	104½
New Zealand 9¾ 1982	103	104
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	103	104
Nippon Steel 9¼ 1980	102	103
N A Rockwell 8½ 1987	93½	94½
Occidental 10 1981	100½	101½
Ontario Hydro 9 1980	104½	105½
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	95½	96½
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	101½	102½
Pennwalt 8 1987	95½	96½
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	94½	95½
Scranraif 7¾ 1990	93	95
Scranraif 8¼ 1988	98½	99½
Shell 7¾ 1987	96½	97½
Singer 11 1977	99	100
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	105½	106½
Standard Oil 8¾ 1980	103½	103½
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	100½	101½
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Sybron 8 1987	95½	96½
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DM BONDS		
CFP 8¼ 1985	102	103
Denmark 9¼ 1989	103½	104½
ICI 8¾ 1982	102½	103½
Mexico 9 1982	102	103
National Westminster 8 1988	98	99
Sumitomo Metal Inds 8¾ 1982	103	104
Sun Int Fin 7¾ 1988	95½	96½
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	71	73
American Express 4¾ 1987	85	87
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	95	97
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	108	110
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1993	101	103
Borden 5 1992	96	98
Borden 6¾ 1991	107	109
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	77	79
Carnation 4 1988	82	84
Chevron 5 1992	100½	102½
Cummins 6¾ 1986	87	89
Dart 4¾ 1987	89½	91½
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	119	121
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	83	84
Federated Dept Stores 4¾ 1985	137	139
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Ford 6 1986	98	100
Gillette 4¾ 1987	82	84
Gould 5 1987	89	91
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Gulf and Western 5 1988	105½	107½
Harris 5 1987	85	87
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ITT 4½ 1987	77½	79½
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	120	122
JP Morgan 4¼ 1987	111	113
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	93	95
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	100	102
JC Penney 4½ 1987	81	83
Revlon 4¾ 1987	101	103
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	101	103
Squibb 4¾ 1987	82	84
Texaco 4½ 1988	77	79
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	131½	133½
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	94	96
Xerox Corp 5 1988	78	80

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64.3	24.3	Extra Yield	63.9	67.7	8.67
71.2	28.2	Do Accum	73.5	77.9	8.67
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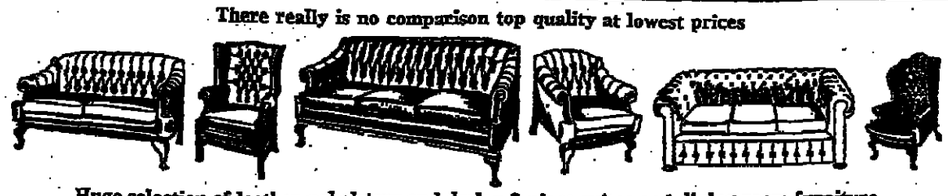
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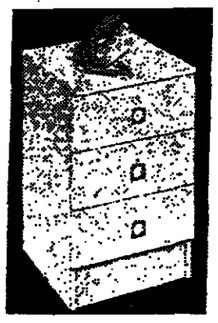
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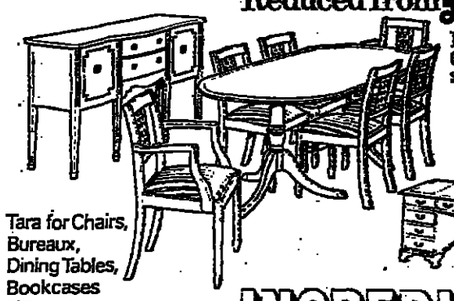
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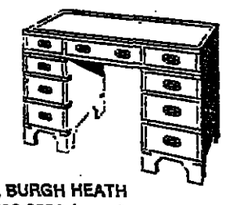
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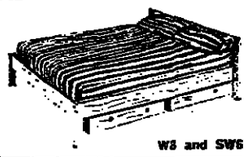
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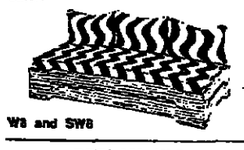
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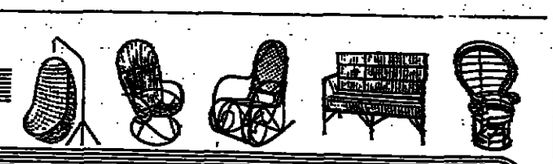
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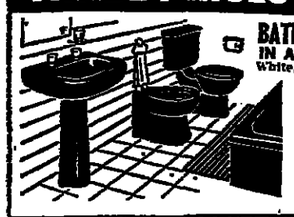


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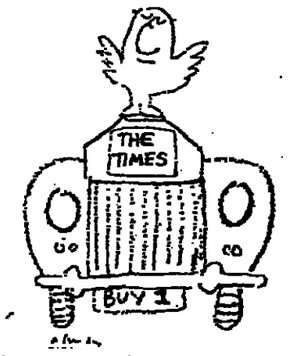
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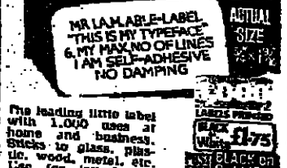


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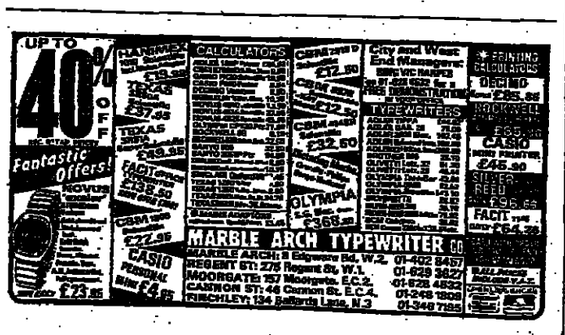


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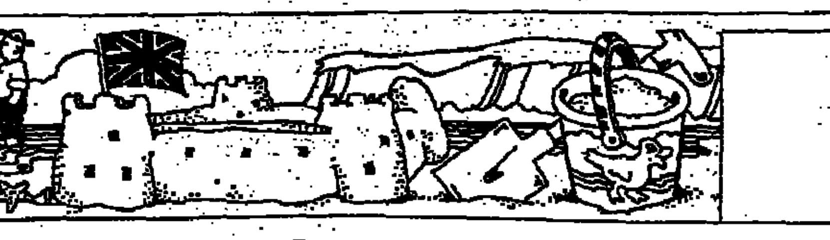
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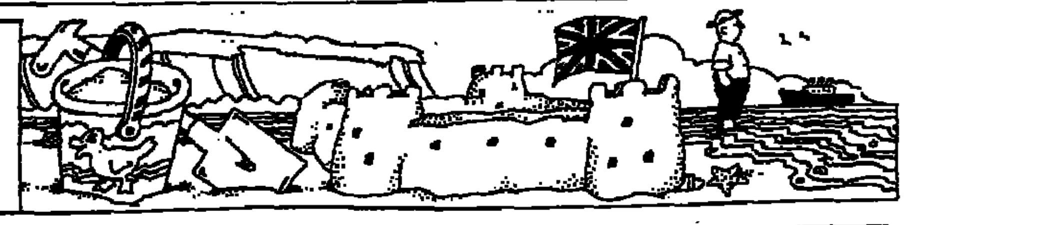
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BOWMAN.—On March 4th, 1976, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Joanna and Richard Bowman—a son, brother for Louisa.

CLARKE.—On March 5th, at St Mary's Hospital, to Gillian Strickland, wife of Peter Clarke—a son (Alexander).

COURTENEY.—On March 5th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, W.6, to Sally (née Ruskin) and Robin—a daughter (Clare).

FRASER.—On March 5th, 1976, at University College Hospital, London, to Anne (née Westbrook) and John Fraser—a daughter.

KNOX CARTWRIGHT.—On March 5, to Elizabeth Knox, wife of Andrew Cartwright—a son Nathaniel Edward Knox Cartwright.

MORRIS.—On March 1st, to Jane and Peter—a daughter.

PATTERSON.—On March 4th, 1976, to Leticia (née Hardie) and Donald—a son, brother for Natalie.

RANK.—On March 4th, at Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, to Lavinia (née Phillips) and Colin Rank—a daughter, a sister to Laura.

WATERWORTH.—On 4th March at Stratford upon Avon, to Angela (née Martin) and Paul—a son (Richard Tyrer Basil).

MARRIAGES

ECKSTEIN : GEALE.—On March 5, in Birmingham, Professor Peter Eckstein, of 22 Selly Wick Road, Birmingham 29, to Mrs. Annette Geale of Sutton, Dublin, Ireland.

INGRAM : LOVE.—On 5th March, 1976, in London, Collingwood, son of Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Ingram, Mill House, Langport, Somerset, to Susan, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Love, 17 Ashleigh Road, Solihull.

SILVER WEDDING

RUTHERFORD. MICHAEL and MARGARET of Triana, Holmbury St. Mary, Surrey, on March 7th, 1951, at Mombasa Cathedral, Kenya.

DEATHS

ATKINSON.—On February 29th, aged 67, Francis Gaston Bryant (Tony), eldest son of the late Major C. F. Atkinson. Funeral 1.45 p.m., 4th March, German Methodist Mission, Crestfield Street, W.C.1. Burial 3 p.m. St. Pancras and Islington cemetery. Flowers to A. France, 45 Lambs Conduit St., W.C.1.

COWARD.—On March 5th, 1976, at St Clements Nursing Home, Norwich, Helen Doris Coward, L.R.A.M., A.P.C.M., of 26 Mount Pleasant, Norwich, only daughter of the late Miles and Helen Coward. Music mistress at Norwich High School for Girls, 1930-1966. Funeral service, St Faith's Crematorium, Tuesday, March 9th at 3.30 p.m. No flowers. Donations for the Musicians Benevolent Fund, c/o Peter Taylor, 135 Unthank Road, Norwich.

DEATHS

DAWES.—On March 3rd, 1976, at home, aged 73 years. Ben Dawes, Emeritus Professor of Zoology Parasitology (University of London), A.R.C.S., D.I.C., D.Sc., F.I. Biology, F.L.S., F.Z.S., F.R.S.T.M., and dearly loved husband of Jean Brenda Dawes, of Rodenhurst, Meadow Close, Reedley, Burnley, dearly loved father of Ben, Brendan, Adrian (Desmond, Ian and Brian, dear grandfather of Benjamin, Jeniene and dear father-in-law of Julie and Margaret. Service and cremation takes place at Burnley Crematorium on Saturday at 12 noon preceded by prayers at home at 11.15 a.m.

DENHAM.—On 1st March, 1976, at St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Claire Shaw (née Crisp), beloved wife of the late Joseph Percival Denham, in her 86th year, a greatly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Dunsfold, Monday, 8th March, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers but, if desired, donations to Dunsfold P.C.C., c/o Secretary, Windways Dunsfold.

ELLISON.—On 5th March, 1976, suddenly Reba MacCrea, widow of Joseph Bramhall Ellison and beloved mother of Patrick and Margaret.

ENGHOLM.—On 5th March, 1976, peacefully, at home, Ethel, dearly loved by her children, Norah and Basil, and by all her family.

FRASER.—On March 5th, after a short illness, Eleanor, aged 87, widow of Archibald, who died in 1966, mother of Veronica and stepmother of Duncan, Alastair and Peter. Funeral 11 a.m., Thursday, March 11, at Salisbury Crematorium. Cut flowers only to Shergolds, Salisbury.

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HINES.—On 4th March, 1976, at Ipswich, Lieutenant-Colonel the Rev Charles Percy Hines, O.B.E., aged 95. Funeral service private. No flowers, please, but donations may be sent for Christian Aid, P.O. Box No. 1, London SW1W 9BW.

MACONOCHIE.—On 3rd March, 1976, peacefully at Camerton Court near Bath, Leonore Henry, beloved wife of the late Kenneth Maconochie.

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MARTINDALE.—On Thursday 4th March, at Carlisle, Phyllis Mary (late of Mounsey Bank, Dacre, Penrith), elder daughter of the late Sir Arthur Martindale, K.C.S.I., aged 87 years. Funeral service at St Andrews Church, Dacre, on Wednesday, 10th March, at 10.15 a.m. followed by cremation at Carlisle Crematorium at 11.30 a.m. Enquiries to John Richardson & Son, funeral directors, Penrith. Tel. 2070.

MILLARD.—On 2nd March, peacefully in hospital, Douglas Millard, aged 72, Chairman of James Clarke & Co., Cambridge. Husband of the late Nancy and brother of Dorothy and Winifred. Memorial service on Saturday, 20th March at 2.30 p.m., at Wanstead Meeting House, Bush Rd., E.11.

MOSER.—On 3rd March, Bryaner, widow of Ernest (who died on 17th February) and beloved mother of Audrey (formerly of Ealing). Service at Slough Crematorium, Monday, 8th March 9 a.m. Flowers to Sargeants, Church Street, Slough.

RIGDEN.—On 2nd March, 1976, Dorothy, aged 89 years, of Barham House, Canterbury. Daughter of the late John and Emily Rigden of Faversham, Kent. Cremation at Barham Crematorium, 10th March, 1976. No flowers; donations, if desired, may be sent to Church of England Childrens Society.

THOMPSON.—On March 4th, in hospital, Thomas Raymond Thompson, aged 68, of Trevonen, The Clump, Rickmansworth. Dear husband of Betty and father of Roger and Margaret. Funeral private.

VEZEY.—On March 3rd, 1976, at Worthing, Peter Harold, of Beaumont Cottage, Heronsgate, nr. Rickmansworth, late Headmaster of Beaumont House School, dear father of Judith, Caroline and Jessica and grandfather of Natalie and Howard. Service at St. John's Church, Heronsgate, on Tuesday, 9th March, at 11 a.m. and after at Oxford Crematorium, 12.30 p.m. Enquiries to H. D. Tribe Ltd., Worthing 34516.

VINING.—On March 4th, at Heathmount, Lee, Sybil Norah (Barda), widow of Colonel P. L. Vining, R.A. and much loved mother of Mavis and Brenda (née Wilkins). Cremation at Guildford Crematorium, 11.30, Wednesday, 10 March. Family flowers only.

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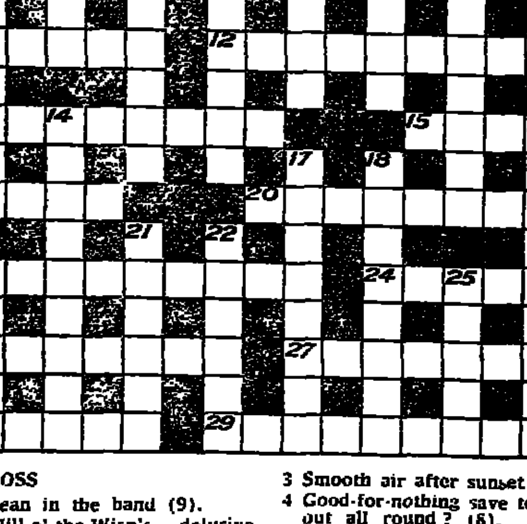
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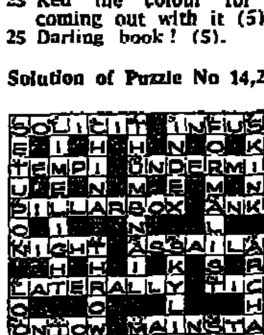
ACROSS

1 Bean in the band (9).
6 Will-o'-the-Wisp's delusive intention (5).
9 Going for gold in Ambridge? (7).
10 Facially the first is a sign of the second, and both of breeding (7).
11 Titus could put a duck's egg back (5).
12 Where Israelis go for a pint chez the Queen? (9).
13 Much of this chemical Egyptians found divine (8).
15 Measure for the back entrance (4).
19 "It's a deal!" Been swindled? (4).
20 The current approach to spring (8).
23 "Doth God exact ——, light denied?" (Milton) (3-6).
24 Haven't a bean? Then this drink is not for you (5).
26 Feast for a flat (4-3).
27 Sort of nice, Nat—genuine antique (7).
28 Starchy galleryite? (5).
29 Abandonment in the Sahara? I take on (9).

DOWN

1 Loud student fun on a thoroughfare of Jean Honoré (9).
2 Crashed car overturned to make a big investment for Clive (5).
3 Smooth air after sunset (8).
4 Good-for-nothing save to hit out all round? (8).
5 Farmer's guide (6).
6 Nib has suffered damage: throw it out (6).
7 Darling billet doux in bar (5-4).
8 Where anise is processed in Italy (5).
14 Lucre-liquor for Flora (9).
16 Scots-US Oaks (9).
17 Mini-bags for those who don't wear 'em? (8).
18 From showroom to racetrack is it? (5, 3).
21 The holiday is up, yours and mine, old patriot (6).
22 Escaped from so top-security a stable? (6).
23 Red the colour for her coming out with it (5).
25 Darling book! (5).

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